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WHITEAWAY'S

BALANCE SWAYS BETWEEN ANARCHY AND SURRENDER

No Communists In New Madrid Defence Council: War To Go On?

MADRID, MAR. 6.
CHIEFS OF THE MADRID FRONT ARMY ARRIVED AT GENERAL HEADQUARTERS ALL THE MORNING TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DEFENCE.

General Casado telephonically received the approval of all the army corps, all civil governors, and all political sections except the Communists.

Now that the Negrin Cabinet has resigned, some ex-Ministers are coming to Madrid to support the Council if their collaboration is needed or accepted.

All civil governors reported that all was quiet within their respective provinces.

PALESTINE TALKS

Objections To British Proposals

LONDON, MAR. 6.
THE BRITISH and Arab delegations held a lengthy meeting this morning when they continued discussion of the British proposals, and the Arab objections to them. The meeting will be continued to-morrow.

To-day's meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed until to-morrow.

"Reuter" was informed in authoritative Jewish quarters that this afternoon's meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed because it was thought that tonight's informal meeting with the British Government delegates might make it clear whether or not the British suggestions were liable to modification.

If they are so liable, then to-morrow's meeting of the committee is expected to discuss the counter-proposals to be put forward by the Jewish delegates.

JEWS GO BACK

The three foremost Palestine members of the Jewish delegation, namely, Benzvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council in Palestine, Mossinson, Education Director of the Council, and Supnasky, called on Mr. Malcolm MacDonald at 4 o'clock to-day.

It is understood they said farewell as they are leaving for Palestine this week.

Arab circles in London profess to be mystified by the new Egyptian approach to the revised proposals.

It is stated that the initiative for such a move has not come from the Arab delegates in London, and that a cablegram from the Mufti this morning did not refer to any such proposals.

The meeting with the Arab committee this morning dealt with the British proposals and the Arab counter-proposals. The Arab delegates described progress as slow. They declined to admit they were satisfied with the position, but agreed that they were not dissatisfied.—Reuter.

Commission Defining Italo-Sudan Border

LONDON, MAR. 6.
Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in the House of Commons to-day that consultations were going on at present with the Egyptian Government with the object of defining the boundaries between Italian East Africa and the Sudan.

Upon conclusion of these consultations, the British Ambassador to Rome, Lord Perth, would submit to the Italian Government two memoranda containing proposals for frontier rectification between the Italian East Africa and the Sudan on the one hand, and Kenya and Italian Somaliland on the other.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMUNISTS ISOLATED

A cordon of soldiers has been thrown around the Communist centres in Madrid to prevent unauthorised persons approaching or entering.

The new Council has been favourably received by the general population of Madrid.

The city is very quiet, though as a precaution, six-inch light guns and machine guns have been strategically posted at street corners, and troops are confined to barracks. However, there are no signs of revolt, disorder, or disapproval of any kind, and public services are all normal.

PEACE LESS REMOTE

The people are wondering what will be the next step, as the probabilities of a bloodless termination to the civil war is much less remote than when Dr. Negrin was ruling.

According to a Burgos message, the significance of the dramatic developments in the Republican zone is considered to be extremely difficult to assess. While the nature of the new Defence Council indicates that the Communist elements have been thrown out, the broadcast statements of its leaders are regarded as indicating determination to continue to fight, unless the Nationalists give conditions for surrender, which they have hitherto refused.

BALANCE SWAYING

But as General Casado and General Miaja are both military men with full appreciation that their defence must collapse before the Nationalist offensive, it is thought here that the Council has been formed as an organising body for ultimate surrender.

The general feeling in Burgos is that the balance is swaying between anarchy and orderly surrender, with the balance towards the latter.—Reuter.

NAVY OFF NIGERIA

LONDON, MAR. 6.
Eleven ships of the Spanish Republic Navy were sighted on Monday morning in the neighbourhood of the Nigerian coast. It is believed they were making for Oran to surrender to the French authorities.

A Paris message says that the leading part in the Coup d'Etat in Madrid is ascribed to Colonel Casado, and to the moderate Socialist politician and former President of the Cortes, Senor Besteiro.

It is affirmed that Casado is prevented by ill-health from playing a prominent political role. Hope is expressed that agreement will be reached between General Franco and the newly formed Council for National Defence.

MADRID NERVOUS

Great nervousness is said to prevail in Madrid as the entire population is waiting to discover whether the Coup d'Etat means a prolongation of the struggle, or an effort to conclude an agreement.

A crowd numbering several thousands demonstrated to-day against ex-Premier Negrin, and in a speech, General Casado said: "We shall satisfy your demand for an honourable peace, but we ask that all parties come to an understanding among themselves in order to avoid further bloodshed. We ask for discipline. We ask Anarchists and Communists not to cling egotistically." (Continued on Page 4.)

ARMISTICE PROPOSAL

PARIS, MAR. 6.
BORDER REPORTS state that General Casado has radioed to General Franco offering as a peace basis, conciliation, independence, and liberty. He invited the Burgos Government to make an honourable peace, promising Spanish liberation from foreign influence.—United Press.

MAHATMA WEAKER Gandhi Spends A Restless Night

NEW DELHI, MAR. 6.
A BULLETIN issued this evening stated that Gandhi was becoming more exhausted, and that nausea and restlessness had made their appearance.

Mr. E. C. Gibson, Crown representative at Rajkot called on Gandhi to-night and was closeted with him for half an hour, after which Gandhi was busy dictating to his secretary.

Mrs. Gandhi has been released "within the limits of the State of Rajkot," and is now with Gandhi. The Viceroy spent to-day receiving members of the Executive Council individually, as well as Bhulabhai Desai, Congress leader in the Assembly regarding the impasse.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW IN RASHID

BAGHDAD, MAR. 6.
Martial law has been proclaimed by the army headquarters at Rashid, six miles from Baghdad, and in the surrounding districts.

A number of suspects have been arrested.

A laconic statement on behalf of the Government ascribes the trouble to "mischief-makers".—Reuter.

Anti-Aircraft firing practice will be carried out from D'Aguiar between hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to-day.

PARIS, MAR. 6.
A HINT OF approaching agreement between the Spanish Republicans and General Franco was given by Senor Barrio, Speaker of the Spanish Cortes who is now in France.

Senor Barrio said that General Miaja is a man who can agree with General Franco in bringing peace back to Spain.

Referring to the new Defence Council, Senor Barrio said: "We are in complete agreement over the desire to end the war."

Senor Barrio revealed that the permanent committee of the Cortes met three days ago and sent Dr. Juan Negrin a note saying that it was prepared to collaborate with him on the condition that he aimed at winding up the civil war with the least possible damage and the fewest sacrifices.

Senor Barrio added: "Our attitude was quite clear, and possibly the knowledge of this to Dr. Negrin resulted in the coup d'Etat which will lead to peace."—Reuter.

House Of Commons

Closure of Pearl River Among China Questions

LONDON, MAR. 6.
REPLYING IN the House of Commons to-day to Sir Percy Harris, Mr. R. A. Butler said that as he stated on February 13, representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the closure of the Pearl River.

No representations had been made about the occupation of the Canton delta.

Viscount Halifax was being kept informed of the views of the Cabinet Chamber of Commerce and was fully aware of the effect on British interests generally of maintenance of the present restriction. The Government would, through its Ambassador in Tokyo, and through the local authorities in Canton and Hongkong, continue to press for an early resumption of traffic.

Sir Percy Harris: Does Mr. Butler appreciate the urgency of the matter and the effect it is having on Lancashire?

Mr. Butler: Yes. That is why I said we are continuing to press for an early resumption of traffic.—Reuter.

CURRENCY WARFARE

LONDON, MAR. 6.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. A. C. Moreing asked Mr. R. A. Butler whether his attention had been drawn to an official announcement that after March 10, all business transactions in North China must be financed in Federal Reserve Bank notes, and whether, in order to counteract this discrimination, he would take steps to prohibit all exports from North China into British and crown colony ports, unless accompanied by a Consular certificate that they had been financed through a British, American, or French bank.

Mr. Butler said that Viscount Halifax had been informed of the announcement. As regards the second part of the question, the Government would consider all practical measures for the defence of British interests involved.

Mr. Moreing: It is not consideration, but action that is wanted. Mr. Butler: I would certainly not minimise the need for taking any action which might be necessary.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CO-OPERATION

LONDON, MAR. 6.
Making a statement in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said that a working arrangement for co-operation between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities had been reached, which Viscount Halifax thought did not impair the authority of the Municipal Council.

Asked if he could assume that the British Government would continue to give full support to the Shanghai Municipal authorities in negotiations with the Japanese, Mr. Butler replied Yes.—Reuter.

WARSHIP IN ICHANG

LONDON, MAR. 6.
Commander A. Marsden asked in the House of Commons to-day whether a British Consul was at Ichang at present, and if not, would the British Government send one immediately for the maintenance of British rights, in view of the Japanese drive against Ichang.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that no Consul was there, but a British warship was at present at Ichang, and the commanding officer could be

Two Sides May Reach Agreement

War In China

JAPAN WARNS OF KIANGSU DRIVE

Foreigners Told To Seek Safety From Mass Air Raids

SHANGHAI, MAR. 6.
THE JAPANESE military authorities, through the Japanese Consulate, have informed foreign Consulates in Shanghai of Japanese preparations for ridding the whole of northern Kiangsu, particularly the areas around Hwaiyin, of Chinese guerillas.

The communication asks foreigners to seek safety, in other places, and moreover, to designate distinctly foreign property in order to avoid the bombing of such property by aeroplanes.

Meanwhile, the Japanese operations in north Kiangsu continue, and 1,000 Chinese soldiers are reported to have been dispersed near Tienkatsi, which is 70 miles south-west of the Lunghai railway terminus of Haichow.

Since operations in north Kiangsu bring the vast territory east of Kaifeng occupied by the Japanese, closer to the territories controlled by the Peiping and Nanking governments, the Japanese expect intensification of their relations with both governments.

CAPTURE OF HAICHOW

The Japanese are of the opinion that the capture of Haichow, and of Tientsin, north-west of Talyuan, capital of Shansi, will greatly contribute towards the pacification of North China, since an important concentration of Chinese troops are reported in that area.

The Japanese claim to control all of the North China railway lines, including the Peiping-Hankow, Tientsin-Pukow, and the Tatum-Pukow railways. Moreover, the capture of Haichow is said to render feasible immediate operation of the Lunghai railway between the eastern terminus and the capital of the Honan province, Kaifeng.

"RED ROUTE"

The Japanese declare that the only remaining line of resistance is the "Red Route" from Sian to Lanchow.

According to the Japanese, the capture of Tientsin in Shansi, despite still prevailing snowy weather, constitutes the most important event in a large number of small operations, carried out mainly in central and western Shansi.—Trans-Ocean.

Italian Naval Officer Dies

Execution As Traitor To His Country

ROME, MAR. 6.
THE EXECUTION took place in Fort Bravetta to-day of Antonio Scarpa, an Italian naval officer.

A special tribunal for the Defence of the State had found him guilty of the betrayal of military secrets, and passed sentence of death upon him.

Scarpa was born in Trieste, and had served in the Austro-Hungarian navy.

Four other persons were charged with the same offence. Two were sentenced to penal servitude for life, and two were given 30 years imprisonment.—Trans-Ocean.

Germany Read More New Testaments

Berlin, MAR. 6.
The printing and sale of Bibles and New Testaments in the German language have greatly increased in Germany since 1932, according to a statement issued here by the Prussian Bible Society, which states that 830,000 Bibles and New Testaments were printed in 1932, and in 1933 this increased to over 800,000, while in 1937, the total of 927,000 were printed and sold.

A report that no Bibles had been printed in Germany since 1932 was not true.—Trans-Ocean.

rolled upon to take necessary precautions for the protection of British life and property. Nevertheless, should circumstances appear to demand the presence of a consular officer, one could be sent at short notice from Chungking.—Reuter.

TENSION IN SHANGHAI Gendarmes Invade Settlement

SHANGHAI, MAR. 7.
TENSENESS prevailed in the International Settlement to-day when Japanese gendarmes and marines surrounded a Municipal council police station in Yangtzepoo in the eastern sector, demanding the release of alleged terrorists who fled into the premises of the police station.

Japanese gendarmes raided a shelter of terrorists in Yangtzepoo under Japanese control and rounded up five inmates. Led by one of them, Japanese gendarmes proceeded to arrest the ringleader.

The ringleader named Wang, however, fled into the premises of the Yulin Station of the Municipal Council Police. Several Japanese gendarmes visited the police station and

GUAM NAVAL BASE

Proposal Revived By Senate

WASHINGTON, MAR. 6.
ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, Chief of Naval Operations, appeared before the Senate Naval Committee to-day to renew the Navy's effort to obtain congressional authority for the Guam plan.

Admiral Leahy declared that the island's strategic position made it of estimable value as a possible defence base which would act as a strong deterrent "to any foreign Power contemplating a hostile move towards the Hawaiian Islands or the continent of the United States."

Admiral Leahy contended that Guam was of great importance as a possible air and submarine base "from which to protect our overseas commerce from the Dutch East Indies."

ASIATIC FLEET BASE
He also claimed that Guam was valuable as a possible naval station (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

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TINTORETTO WAS 'LOST' IN R.A.'s HOME

A PAINTING claimed to be a Tintoretto, worth thousands of pounds, has been disclosed neglected in a store-room at the Compton, Surrey, home of Mary Senton Watts, widow of G. F. Watts, R.A., the famous Victorian painter.

It had lain there for years, dusty, unnoticed, because "Mrs. Watts set little value on paintings which were not by her husband."

The Tintoretto is now in the hands of a West End firm of picture restorers, and is to be offered for purchase to the National Gallery. The present owner of the picture wishes to be anonymous.

Paintings by Tintoretto have been quoted in recent years at prices ranging from £4,000 to £14,000. This one is described as "a very fine example of Tintoretto's later work."

Mary Senton Watts died at Compton last September aged eighty-eight. She left £50,000.

Her marriage to G. F. Watts when he was sixty-nine was one of the great love stories of Victorian times. An artist herself, she abandoned her painting to devote herself to her husband, sustained him in his failing health, and encouraged him with his life's work.

Mr. Hans A. Schubart, the art dealer who now has the Tintoretto in his vaults, said:

"Mrs. Watts had a fine collection of pictures when her husband died. She was tremendously attached to him and his work, and put little value on pictures which were not by him."

"His paintings were put all round the walls, but the Tintoretto was never hung. If it had, it would have been detected. It went into the store-room with other pictures of quite good value."

"When the painting was found, it was dirty and covered with a yellow varnish."

G. F. Watts died in 1904, aged eighty-seven. He had been married before—to Ellen Terry, the actress, when she was sixteen years old. The marriage lasted a year, and was then annulled.

Among the most famous of his pictures are "Hope," "Love and Life," and "Love Triumphant."

Rare Chess Set Owned

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Christian Van Anken believes he has one of the oldest carved chess sets in the world. According to the family records, the chess set pieces were carved in Holland in the 17th century. They are made of solid ivory, and are yellowed with age.

U.S. Hopes Of "Society Of Nations"

AMERICAN people are keenly interested in establishing a "Society of Nations," as distinct from the League of Nations.

This view was expressed by M. Louis Dolivet, secretary of the International Peace Campaign, at the conference of the Campaign's General Council in London recently, when about 40 delegates were present from 17 countries.

M. Dolivet has just returned from America, and said that international affairs had produced there an explosion of feeling against the totalitarian States.

"The American people were willing to support any action on the part of the Administration directed against the policies of the totalitarian States to the extent of providing food and war supplies to the democratic States should they become involved in war," Lord Cecil, who presided at the morning session, said that day's fundamental issue was between the rule of law and that of the jungle in international affairs.

There must be outside each country, he said, some tribunal to which appeal could be made to say whether a particular action was in accordance with international law and the principles of justice or not.

WORLD SUPPORT
"The fundamental thing is that we fight not for our interests or gain or prosperity, but for the establishment of the rule of law in international affairs. If we can really set that forward as the great policy of our respective countries we shall receive support from all over the world."

A resolution was passed declaring that while desiring the end of the cruelties ravaging Spain it protested against any pressure on the legitimate Government of Spain to induce it to surrender unconditionally.

On China, a resolution demanded an embargo on arms and war material for Japan and an agreement by the Powers to refuse all imports from Japan.

Lent To University

Berkeley, Cal.
Live babies instead of case records will be used hereafter by the household economics class of the University of California. Parents were so anxious to co-operate in the course that after 50 little boys and girls had been selected, 70 other applications had to be rejected.



Mrs. V. V. Needa (facing camera) with friends at the Ladies' Day Race Meeting last week.—Staff Photographer.

Arabs Called Him Spy, Now He Pleads Their Cause

IN A QUIET WEST END HOTEL IS AN ELDERLY MISSIONARY—THE MYSTERY MAN WHOSE HELP AND ADVICE MAY BRING PEACE TO PALESTINE.

His thick Highland accent—which 50 years away from his native land has not dulled—was a strange contrast to the gold-embroidered brown "abayeh" which covered his lounge suit, to the Arab headdress which shrouded his face.

Seventy-year-old Daniel Oliver knows the Arabs and Palestine as few men do. He has been the friend of more Arab leaders than even Lawrence of Arabia.

He has broken bread and taken salt in Arab encampments in the desert wastes, and has

Countess Of Old Kent Road Dead

"The Countess of the Old Kent Road"—as Mrs. Charlotte Bracey Wright, Countess de Lornet, aged 97, was known—is dead.

A descendant of Baron de Lornet (one of Napoleon's officers), the Countess at 17 was presented at Court and at 19 married Mr. William Bracey-Wright, an engineer.

When she and her husband first went to live in Camberwell in 1889 the Countess interested herself in social work and represented North Peckham on Camberwell Council until her retirement in 1934.

One of her sons, the Rev. Louis Bracey-Wright, R.N., said:

"My mother had a deep affection for the people of the district where she spent so much of her life, and she once declared, 'I have found peace in the Old Kent Road and shall spend the rest of my days here.'"

dined in the mountain palaces of sheikhs. And he has been sentenced to death as a "British spy," to be reprieved by the intervention of a judge who was a former pupil.

"The Arabs sum up every problem in three words," he said. "In this conference not only I but all the Arab delegates make those three words 'Chamberlain, Chamberlain, Chamberlain.'"

OUR PRESTIGE HIGH
"You people at home may think it strange," he said as he let his moustache—a string of amber beads—slip through his fingers, "but never has the prestige of British officialdom been higher than it is in Palestine to-day."

"From General Haynig, the G.O.C. in Jerusalem, to the newest recruit of the Palestine police force, they are respected by the Arabs as free from corruption and fair and just in administration."

"The courts hand out justice and nothing but justice."

"It is not the British officials nor British administration in Palestine which have caused the trouble," he said. "It is policy."

ARABS' 'KICK'

"The Palestine problem is not a quarrel nor a struggle between Arab and Jew. It is the kick of the Arab against Zionism—a very different matter."

"One man and one man only, I am convinced, can make this conference a success and by that can bring peace to Palestine."

"He is Mr. Chamberlain."

"I believe the conference will succeed if the man who tackled a far greater problem—in going to Berchtesgaden, Godesburg and Munich—and who is, in my opinion, the greatest peacemaker the world has ever known, will throw all his weight into arriving at an enduring peace for a troubled country."

"I—here Mr. Oliver gave a modest shrug beneath the folds of his 'abayeh'—'came to London to help all I can.'"

Girl Swept Underground

FALLING into a swiftly-running, mill stream at Abergavenny (Mon) recently, six-year-old Pamela Dodd was swept 100 yards through a tunnel which runs beneath a warehouse.

Halfway through the tunnel is a 14ft. waterfall, and over this Pamela was plunged.

Her playmates' cries were heard by Mr. A. Vaughan, a shop manager, but they were too frightened to explain.

CRYING FOR MOTHER

Mr. Vaughan, however, guessed what had happened and went with his assistants to a point where the stream emerges into the castle meadows.

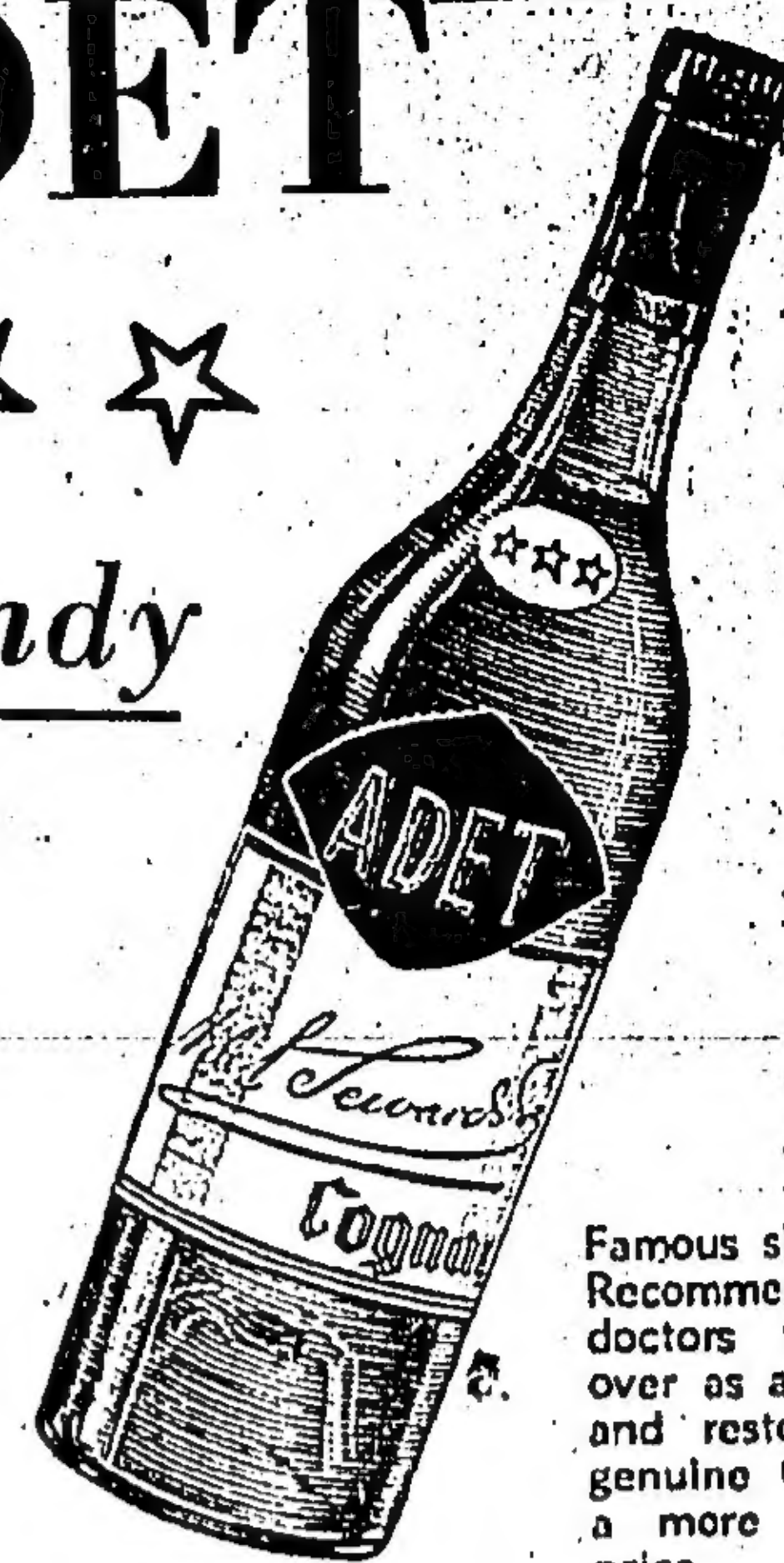
There they found Pamela, clinging to the bank and crying for her mother. She had escaped with bruises on the forehead and shock.

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What It's Like to Fly In a Bombing Plane

Air Commodore Sydney W. Smith, former Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Base at Singapore, and now commanding No. 26 Training Group, recently discussed modern Service training methods.

He is directly responsible to the Air Ministry for the elementary training of pilots and observers at 34 centres throughout the country.

"During the war," said Air Commodore Smith, "the observers of a two-seater had a comparatively easy job."

"His duties were to report and observe during flight, to take occasional photographs, do a spot of artillery observation, and, if attacked, use the Lewis gun."

VARIED DUTIES

"Since 1935, when Britain began to re-arm, we have been given aircraft of longer range and speeds in some cases showing an increase of 100 per cent."

Nowadays the duties of a bomber are so varied that a crew of five persons is required, instead of two.

"The pilot cannot leave his seat or navigate his machine—the multifarious controls of a modern bomber keep him fully occupied."

"This means a great deal of extra work for the observer. Throughout the flight he sits with a map in front of him, comparing the plane's

actual course with that originally planned.

He must frequently consult his instruments and check the machine's drift.

BOMBS OR PHOTOGRAPHS

"The observer's job is to map out a route which will bring it back on to its proper course, assisted by a certain amount of co-operation from the pilot."

"The observer has several other duties aboard a R.A.F. bomber. In addition to navigation he must be an expert in bomb-aiming, aerial photography, general reconnaissance and the art of gunnery."

"In actual warfare the bomber would carry two pilots, while the remainder of the crew, although officially designated as observers, would undertake the duties of navigator, bomber, and gunner respectively."

1,500 WANTED

So important is the work of the observer that in December the Air Ministry appealed for a further 1,500 recruits, and inquiries are being received at the rate of 1,000 a week. Candidates must be between 17½ and 25.

After five months' preliminary training they are posted to Service squadrons for complete training with rank of sergeant, pay at the rate of 12s. 6d. a day and an opportunity to qualify for commissions.



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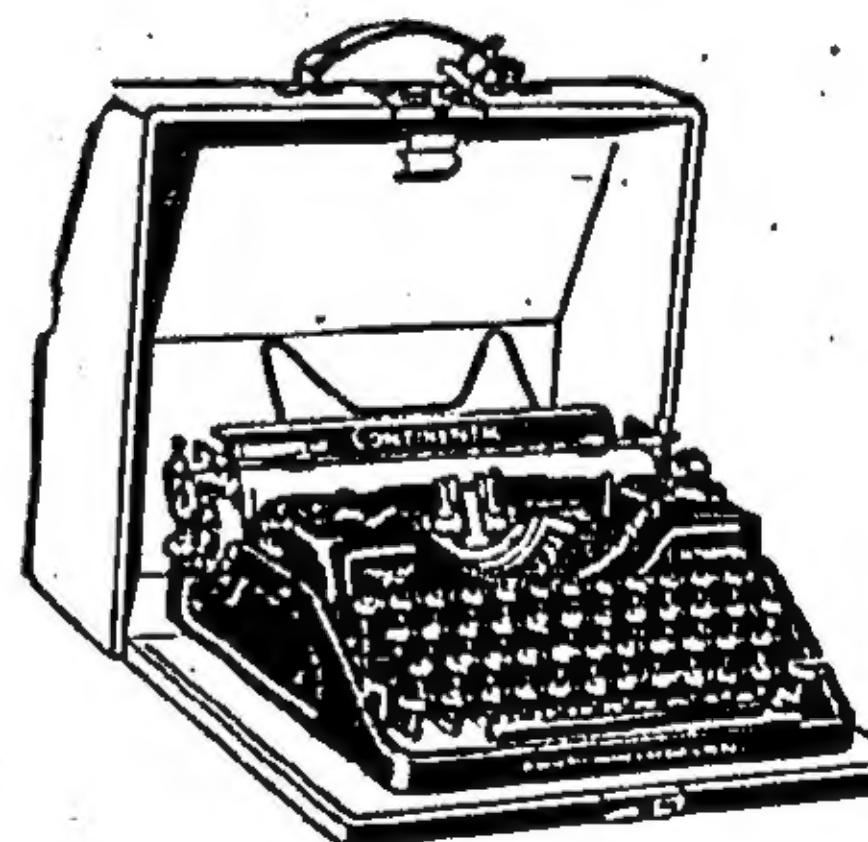
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He Saved A Girl & Walked Away

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ellen Hough, of Grenfield-street, Battersea, S.W.—niece of Frank Hough, the boxer—does not know the man who saved her life recently.

She was on her way to work and slipped as she tried to board a Waterloo train, at Clapham Junction.

The train started, and she was dragged along between running-board and platform.

A man in the carriage pulled the communication cord and went to help her.

Because of his quickness she escaped with bruises and shock.

The rescuer went away without giving his name.

Child Dies In A.R.P. Trench

EDINBURGH.

A five-year-old girl was killed and a boy of the same age seriously injured in the collapse of an A.R.P. trench in Roseburn Park, Edinburgh, recently.

The children, Clare Jamieson and Allan Trotter, who lived next door, were buried under piles of earth and sheets of corrugated iron.

Mr. C. Stirling said that he saw the children playing near the trench and shouted to them to keep away.

"When I looked again," he said, "they had disappeared. Soon afterwards I heard screams, ran to the trench and saw they had been buried."

"I tried frantically to dig but the little girl but the weight of the earth imprisoned her."

Another girl, Marjory Mitcham, fell into the trench, but she managed to scramble clear.

One of the rescuers said that a large number of children were in the park at the time.

"They were laughing and shouting as they played on their way home," he said.

"Then, suddenly, the laughter changed to screams."

"Ambulance men gave oxygen to the little girl but they could not revive her."

"Divorce Mill"

Reno, Nev.

The Nevada Commission for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco has rejected the suggestion that as part of Nevada's display, a Reno "divorce mill" be installed and kept in constant operation throughout the exposition.

Stage Smiles To Hide Grief

BRAVE smiles kept back the tears of 11 small girls as they danced through a recent performance of "Cinderella" at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool.

They had come to idolise 12-year-old Joyce Morris. She was so jolly, so sweet-tempered, so helpful to them.

And now she was dead.

The curtain was about to rise when the news reached them.

Tears fell. The 11 children were not alone in their grief. Senior members of the company, too, had loved Joyce.

The tears were dried and teeth met on lips to stem their return as the call to the stage came. For, as it is written in "Cinderella":

"The people pay thee, and want their laugh you know."

On with the show.

Joyce, who lived at Kenton (Middlesex), was appearing in her first pantomime.

Such was the promise she showed that she had been given a small speaking part.

Then she was taken ill. She failed to appear at the theatre the next day, and later was rushed to hospital.

A throat affection was diagnosed. Doctors used oxygen in a day and night fight to save her.

They failed.

"The stage has probably lost a fine artist," a theatre official said.

Ham And—Downfall

MODESTO, Cal.

Robert Funk, who was so fond of ham and eggs that, with two companions, he stole a case of eggs and was trying to catch a pig to supply the ham, when arrested, will have ham and eggs only when they happen to be on the prison menu.

He was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary.



The above photograph was taken at a recent Hongkong Rifle Association Shoot.—King's Studio.

BRIDE HAD 6 WEDDING RINGS

Magdalena Naudzius, 86-years-old member of the Lithuanian colony in Ayrshire, was married at Annbank recently to Jonas Krusinski, 65-years-old Lithuanian miner, of Mossburn, Ayrshire.

The bride has been married twice before, now wears six wedding rings, as it is the custom of Lithuanians to give two wedding rings at the ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted by Father Juras Gutauskas, Lithuanian priest for Scotland.

"Smith" Was His Password

When he was fined £5 for stealing a watch and a pair of women's shoes by means of a trick, Michael McNamee (24), labourer, of Godstone Road, Purley, told the Croydon Bench recently:

"I went into shops and asked for parcels for 'Smith.' People did not ask me whether I was 'Smith,' but just handed me parcels. I did not know what the parcels contained until I got home. I had no difficulty the first time, and that encouraged me to try again."

Mothers Protest To Director Of Education

ANGRY mothers of 120 children, protesting recently against an order to transfer their children from one school to another, mobbed and surrounded an Education Director in a school, and he was obliged to make his exit by way of a back door.

The mothers, and the children, went to the William Crane Schools, Apsley Estate, Nottingham, and told Miss Christopher, the headmistress, that they would not allow the children to be transferred to new schools at Bilborough because this meant a 25-minute walk.

Miss Christopher invited the mothers into the school hall, said the change was inevitable, and added: "The only thing to do is to give way."

"No!" shouted the mothers, "never!"

NOISY SCENES

Then the Director of Education, Mr. F. Stephenson, tried to address the women, but, as stated, he had to leave—not by the front door.

Though there were noisy scenes, there was no disturbance.

At another indignation meeting of parents outside the school gates a spokesman was loudly cheered when he said: "We are going to stand firm and on no account will we allow our children to be transferred to Bilborough."

The women have decided to make subscriptions to engage a solicitor to challenge the decision of the Education Committee, and a further meeting of mothers has been called for.

Royal Cars Set Road Problem

If a Royal car is approaching in one direction and a fire engine from another at a speed at which it appears likely that they will collide, which driver should the constable on point duty signal to stop?

This question arises from a recent incident in London, when the Duke of Kent's car and a fire-engine narrowly missed colliding at a cross-roads near Euston Station.

The drivers of Royal cars are so accustomed to having a clear road on what is known as the "Royal route" that they do not anticipate anything but all-clear signals from police on point duty.

Fire-engine drivers similarly expect to be given a clear road.

Steps are now being taken to warn all fire-engine drivers of the likelihood of Royal cars being on various routes at certain times.

Detectives Search McMahon's Home

FOUR detectives, led by Inspector Hatton, of the Special Branch at Scotland-yard, visited the Paddington home of George Andrew McMahon, who figured in the revolver incident on Constitution Hill two years ago when King Edward the Eighth was riding past.

Blood "Bank" Plan For London

The organisation of a central "blood bank" at which a group of hospitals could deposit for storage "bottled" blood given by donors for emergency transfusions is recommended by three London doctors who during the September crisis, made preparations to conserve supplies of blood.

The doctors—Dr. C. R. Boland, senior assistant medical officer at Mile End Hospital, Dr. N. S. Craig, medical superintendent of the hospital, and Dr. A. L. Jacobs, senior assistant medical officer at the hospital—outline their suggestion in the current issue of the "Lancet."

Pointing out that reports from the Moscow Institute of Haematology, from transfusion services in the Spanish Civil War, and from Continental and American clinics "leave little doubt that preserved blood is highly satisfactory therapeutically," the doctors describe a method of collecting and storing blood that reduces the risk of contamination to a minimum.

Of 38 transfusions of adult and placental blood which had been preserved by this method for periods up to six weeks, the doctors record that in only four cases did the patients react adversely to the treatment.

One-Eyed Hunter

Porterville.

Riley Skagges, trapper, doesn't believe in "bringing 'em back alive." Sixty-five years of age, blind in one eye and armed only with a .22 rifle, he brought down two mountain lions in one day and carried them into town on his back. The largest measured 7 feet 4 inches from tip to tip and weighed 160 pounds.

Film Man's Quest For Pigmies

Mr. A. L. Fisher, the photographer of Mount Everest, has begun a three-months journey along the 3,000-mile Belgian Congo River to film the country for the Liege Exhibition in May.

He flew direct to Stanleyville, and with M. Andre Cauvin, a Belgian Government representative, he will set out on a lonely trek through jungle and pigmy territory.

Mrs. Fisher said: "My husband will take 3,000 ft. of film, showing wild life and the development of industry. He hopes to get shots of pigmies and big game."

"The film, part of it in colour, will be shown in England later in the year."

Adobe Houses Back

El Segundo, Cal.

Adobe, California's first building material, may prove the solution for "dream houses" for the state's indigents. Two have just been completed here as an experiment, with two apartments in each house. They were constructed by relief clients on property owned by the county and will be occupied by two families in each house at a saving of \$20 a month to the county.

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We Must have Them

HONGKONG, by an accident of
geography, is peculiarly vul-
nerable from the air, and the
wisdom of the present methods of
dealing with defence from air at-
tack is seriously open to question.

An exhibition which is to open
at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow
will not lessen the disquiet that has
been simmering in the public
mind. Experience in a city
less than a hundred miles away
from this Colony has shown that in
thickly populated areas, deep shel-
ters are the only certain defence
against bombs. Where deep shel-
ters are not used, as in China,
casualties have been heavy. In
Spain, and particularly Barcelona,
where subterranean shelters were
constructed, casualties were re-
duced to almost nil and the danger
of panic was eliminated.

Hongkong's geographical position
makes this Colony the most vulne-
rable part of the British Empire
in the event of war in the Pacific
involving Britain. But our topo-
graphy makes it possible for us to
purchase comparative immunity for
almost the entire population at a
fraction of the cost to cities which
have no hills into which tunnels
can be burrowed.

Hongkong has been too near
to aerial warfare to delude itself
that the existing Air Raid precau-
tions are by any means adequate.
We have seen a succession of vast
and intensive air bombardments
shocking and devastating in their
effect less than a hundred miles
from our own city; we have had
living men and women torn and
mangled even in our own territory.
Our weakness lies in our un-
educated population, and our
enemy's advantage will surely lie
in attempting to smash the morale
of these people. Only one thing
can prevent any threat to that morale
and that is the knowledge by the
masses that real security lies in our
Colony.

Given that—deep shelters can
give it: shallow makeshifts certainly
cannot—there is no reason why
Hongkong should not be as safe as
cities a thousand miles further from
the scene of conflict. Besides,
common humanity and the need to
protect even our humblest citizen
from unnecessary shock and suffer-
ing dictate that we should adopt the
most effective method of defence.

The Only Way

FOR THE thickly populated, vul-
nerable areas the deep shelter is
the only safe defence. In Hongkong
we are fortunate that we can dig
horizontally into mountain-sides in-
stead of vertically into the bowels
of the earth for shelter.

Government is calling for thou-
sands of volunteers to man the vari-
ous passive defence forces that are
being formed in this Colony. Volun-
teers should demand, as a *quid pro quo*,
that Government seriously take into
consideration the question of tunnelling
in order to give safeguards for women
and children that all the auxiliary
fire-fighters, decontamination squads,
auxiliary nurses and other voluntary
organisations will not be able to pro-
vide.

**"BETTER ABAN-
DON Hongkong
forthwith than
have it continue to be a
liability to the British
Crown."**

These are strange words
to-day, but less than ninety
years ago they were the
war-cry of a militant group
in England who were deter-

mined to force public
opinion to realise that this
was the only rational course.
They even carried their agita-
tion to Parliament, and the
House of Commons in the early
part of the year 1847 was seri-
ously invited to consider the
abandonment of the island, be-
cause it was causing positive in-
jury to Britain.

The agitation voiced by the
anti-Hongkong group was echoed
by the efforts of song-writers,
who brought into existence a
number of ribald airs lampoon-
ing "the barren rock 'way out in
Chinee," predicting that if
Hongkong were not abandoned,
then Heaven would see to it that
it turned out to be of no earthly
advantage to the possessor.

One of these ditties, strange-
ly enough, was written by a
pirate convict in Victoria Gaol.
Sung to the tune of "Hail Colum-
bia," it had as its chorus the
following malediction:

"Some day 'praps earthquakes
her foundation
Will shake to its deep base in
the sea
A blessing 'twill be to each
nation
When she's crush'd to all
Eternity."

IN ORDER to force the issue,
the clique of malcontents in
England, who were determined
that the Government should be
made to rectify its "mistake" in
regard to the selection of Hong-
kong, would quote statements
from those who had been out
here when the Colony was
founded, and they singled out
the climate to prove their case.

The following is a description
of the rainy season of Hong-
kong, taken from the pen of a
man who left the Colony in
1844:

"... towards the end of
May, and throughout June, July,
and August, and part of Sep-
tember, the rain descends in tor-
rents, with a force of continu-
ance, such as is never seen in
India, Africa, Australasia, or
any other part of the world.
The clouds pour down one
vast sheet of water, washing
away hills and rocks, surround-
ing the island with deep ravines,
and saturating the soft, porous,
putrescent strata, to the extent
of many feet, with daily renewed
moisture.

"In the intervals of rain, a
nearly vertical sun acts with an
intense evaporative power, and
a noxious steam or vapour arises
from the fetid soil, yielding
gases of a most sickly and de-
leterious nature."

"I have devoted twenty years
of my life to the investigation of
the Colonies of England," said
Mr. Robert Montgomery Martin,
H. M. Treasurer for the Colonial
and Consular Service in China,
speaking in March 1847 to the
Parliamentary Committee of the
House of Commons. "An
examination of Hongkong in its
most favourable aspect, induces
me to entertain the opinion...
that Hongkong will never be-
come a commercial depot; that
it is unsuitable for a Colony by
reason of its rocky site and bar-
ren structure, and incapable of
producing food for one day for
its inhabitants;... and from
every point of view I consider
the selection of Hongkong as the
most unfortunate step that has
been taken with regard to our
position in China. The occupa-
tion of such a wretched spot has

brought great discredit upon
us."

THOSE IN favour of retaining
the island as a Colony were
accustomed to quote the words
of Sir John Francis Davis, the
second Governor of Hongkong,
who said: "Mark my words,
gentlemen, Hongkong will some
day be the Carthage of the
East."

The Colony's enemies at
Home, however, gave these pro-
phetic words the veritable
"horse-laugh," and guffawed in
reply:

"Of course, Sir John Davis is
an old China hand... he's been
out in the East so long that the
tropical sun... has affected
his head. He ought to know
better... in any case, it is
impossible to raise revenue from
such a place."

"The endeavour to squeeze as
much as possible out of a poor
struggling settlement neces-
sarily causes irritation.

"How is one going to raise a
revenue when there is not one
respectable Chinese inhabitant
in the island, and never has
been? Indeed, no respectable
Chinese will live at Hongkong."

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hind it so rocky that it is im-
possible to dig into it, therefore
ere long it will be necessary to
provide another place. But it
will be difficult to select another
cemetery, on account of the
rocky and uneven nature of the
island."

"SEE," chortled the dis-
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ous glee, "if they can't find an-
other spot to bury in, would it
not be the best thing for Gov-
ernment to adopt our policy—
and abandon the blessed place
lock, stock, and barrel."

"Besides," they added, as they
solemnly shook their heads, "the
destruction of life since our
occupation of Hongkong has
been so enormous.

"Last year (1843) the deaths
among the troops in the island

"These morbid gases do not
arise from vegetable or animal
decomposition, as the island does
not possess the one or the other."

"But decomposed mineral
substances yield an acrid
poison, under some circum-
stances of a more deadly nature
than those produced by either
of the other kingdoms of nature."

"This gas does not rise more
than a few feet from the earth;
it slowly mingles with the sur-
rounding atmosphere, and, when
not causing immediate illness,
produces a depressing effect on
mind and body, which under-
mines and destroys the strong-
est constitution."

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"Last year (1843) the deaths
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amounted to 1 in 8 1/2. Her
Majesty's 98th Regiment lost at
Hongkong, in 21 months, 267
men by death.

"But in this and other regi-
ments, it is not merely the deaths
which indicate disease and a per-
nicious climate; it is the great
number of men invalided, and
constantly unfit for duty. One
half the men of a company are
frequently unable to attend
parade; out of 100 men there are

sometimes not more than five or
six fit for duty."

AS IF NOT content with this
damning summary of Hong-
kong, its enemies sought to
paint a further picture of the
local climate. Said an ex-army
officer during the 'forties:

"Military and naval men who
have served in Africa and India
feel the effects of the sun in
Hongkong in a manner never be-
fore experienced.

"Even at Macao, only 40 miles
west of Hongkong, Europeans
may walk about the whole day
in the month of July, when to
do so at Hongkong would be at-
tended with almost certain
death....

"The Chinese deem it a dan-
gerous experiment to prolong
their abode in the island beyond
a certain time. They have ever
viewed Hongkong as injurious
to health and fatal to life.

"The Europeans who survive
a brief residence in this climate,
generally get a lassitude of
frame, and an irritability of
fibre, which destroys the spring
of existence. A malign in-
fluence operates on the system
in a most distressing manner,
which is not removed by a re-
turn to Europe; on the contrary,
the sufferers frequently die in
England soon after their arri-
val."

FATE, however, decreed that
the Colony which was once
so widely and thoroughly
maligned should be retained as a
British possession, and that the
quondam straggling settlement
of Victoria, built along Queen's
Road, should expand, and be-
come the vast city that it is to-
day, thereby fulfilling the ardent
hopes of its founders, who so
fervently declared that "some
day, Hongkong would contain a
population equal to that of an-
cient Rome, and, moreover,
would be the Tyre of the Far
East."

T. Paul Gregory

ONE-EYED SAM

I SWALLOWED the bait—
hook, line and sinker.

Our initial encounter occurred
when 'exercising a yapping
terrier on the waste ground
backing the flats.

There he was, splashing about
bare-footed in the dirty puddled
mire, scantily clad, blue with
cold and misery in the drizzling,
icy rain of a Hongkong February at
its worst, the blustering wind which
sweeps that dreary, seemingly en-
dless, road scurrying into every
crevice of even my comparatively
well-clothed anatomy.

One bleary eye regarded me with
what I took to be anxious entreaty;
the other was roughly swathed in
filthy cotton, his fleshless paw grasp-
ing a bottle of lotion.

A greying, bent old figure, he told
me in almost faultless English that
he had been a tailor, that falling
eyesight had lost him his 'job, and
could I do this or could I do that?

I did that, whereby I seemed to
have provided myself with a pen-
sioner—but not for life, as things
turned out.

SAM MADE it his business to dis-
cover the hours of my going-
out and my coming-in, and stationed
himself at the entrance to the flats.
And ten cents became his daily
portion.

It was (unworthily but naturally)
some comfort to me later on that his
damaged eye was really a genuine
affliction.

I sent him to hospital, whence he
returned cleanly and expertly band-
aged and hugging a new bottle of
medicament.

Where he lived between the haunt-
ing of my doorstep I had no idea.
The first inkling of things being
rather other than they seemed hap-
pened one day when I caught sight
of Sam (on the other side of the
Harbour) in much better trim and
in animated, not to say belligerent
conversation with a mob of not too
prepossessing-looking individuals.

Not of the coolie or beggar type, and
difficult to place. However, my per-
ceptive faculties being still dormant,
I procured through a kindly-hearted
Chinese 'medical friend' a letter of
admission to an efficiently adminis-
tered hospital—love's labour lost, as
will appear.

By
N. B. W.

SAM'S excellent English, coupled
with his general demeanour,
even in his pitiable and ineffectual
rags, seemed to point to possibilities
for redemption from his apparent
woes.

At the time needing a house-coolie
I pondered upon the feasibility of
creating for one at least a far, far
better world: crassly giving no
thought to what might be Sam's own
ideas of aggrandisement.

Eventually I took him upstairs,
showed him round (sleeping quar-
ters, etc.), and foolishly disregarded
the scowls of the already existing
domestics.

Given \$10, he was shoosed out to
get a bath "chop-chop" and decently
fit himself out.

No doubt the sequel has been fore-
seen. Sam levanted. Wonder at
the mentality which could spurn de-
cent security in favour of a squalid
and miserable semi-existence was
mingled with despondency at my
failure in "playing God" and the
breakdown of my fancied talent in
the deviation of character.

And I could but smile ruefully at
the "Of course!" and the "I told you
so!" attitudes of my obviously, more
discerning friends.

A SERIES of small-hour burglaries
incensed the occupants of the
block, scarcely a tenant who had not
suffered.

It was patent that the intruder
entered via the flat roof, a tour of
inspection revealing, neatly stowed
away beneath the water-tanks, an
admirably complete equipment of
good stout ship's roping, a comfort-
able, well-made, swivel seat—all
shipside and Bristol fashion.

This paraphernalia was handed
over to the police—the nightly
visitations continued.

A further tour unearthed a fully
replaced apparatus. Probably secured
during the day to be called for
at night!

Officials questioned the tenants.
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Testing, 1-2-3, testing, 1-2-3."

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

PO LEUNG KUK

Additional Government Grant Approved

Reference to the increase in the number of women and children detained at the Po Leung Kuk this year was made by the Chairman, Mr. Chan Kam-po, when a visit was made to the institution by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, yesterday.

Sir Geoffrey was accompanied by Lady Northcote, while other ladies in the party included Mrs. W. J. Carrie, Mrs. S. W. Tso, Mrs. M. K. Lo and Miss P. Harrop.

After refreshments had been served in the main hall, Mr. Chan said in part:

The number of women and children detained has suddenly increased this year, there being about 200 inmates every day, and consequently our expenses have been heavy. Fortunately at a recent meeting through the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, His Excellency has approved the special grant to us of \$10,000 in addition to the original Government subsidy, and has promised that a further grant will be considered if there should be any deficit.

The women and children under protection here have benefited by this kind act of His Excellency to no small extent. Further, while His Excellency and Lady Northcote were going round making the inspection to-day they received much from them. This shows that His Excellency and Lady Northcote are kind-hearted and love the people as if they were their own children. All the women and children have, therefore, sung praises of them and have voiced their happiness at the occasion, calling them their worthy parents. With utmost sincerity, we respectfully beg to tender our thanks to His Excellency.

We pray that His Excellency will continue to give us support, so that all women and children may receive protection and live always in happiness, and thus not only we but others will feel grateful.

We have not much time to make preparations and so we can only entertain our guests at tea. We know that this is not too proper a way to show our respects, but we hope by this means to show our sincerity and we trust that our guests do not mind. Ladies and Gentlemen, I now request you to drink to the health of His Excellency and Lady Northcote, and also to the health of the Hon. S.C.A., the Hon. Chinese Representatives on the Council, Members of the Permanent Board of Direction, and our seniors.

Government Sympathetic

In reply, His Excellency said: When I visited the Po Leung Kuk about twelve months ago, I was accompanied by my wife so that she also should see the good work which the Po Leung Kuk habitually carries on. Unfortunately various causes have prevented that promise from being fulfilled until to-day but I speak for her as very glad to be here.

I have listened carefully to your speech, Mr. Chan, and I assure you that the Hongkong Government sympathises strongly with the difficulties with which the Po Leung Kuk are meeting, and we are glad to be able to show that sympathy in the material form of an additional temporary subsidy. We recognise the effort which the Committee has made to meet the demands upon them.

It would, however, in my belief be a mistake to look upon this heavy increase in the inmate population of the Po Leung Kuk as being transient. While it may be true that the present hostilities are responsible partly for that increase—and that may be transitory only—it is certainly the case that the greater activity now shown in Hongkong in the affairs of the children must lead to a permanently larger number of unfortunate in the Po Leung Kuk. It is, therefore, of prime importance that the Committee should consider how this situation is to be met.

The matter of accommodation here are grave questions to be faced, for example is it necessary to extend the Po Leung Kuk premises? That depends to some extent on the question whether the fullest use is being made of the existing buildings. Then there are questions of staff and their ability to cope with the greatly increased demands made upon the Po Leung Kuk.

I feel quite sure that the Committee will consider most deeply these important issues solely in relation to the interests of the women and children in this home founded for the Preservation of Virtue and that they will be guided solely by those conclusions.

My wife and I thank you, Mr. Chan, and your Committee most sincerely for your charming hospitality this afternoon. We have greatly enjoyed our visit and we pay a tribute of high respect for your labours for the helpless and we wish you all success in the future.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

artesian
asbestos
artillery
antipococcus
pomgranite
rombold

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Portuguese Consul Assaulted

Hankow, Mar. 6. Portuguese Consul, Senhor A. T. Belichenko, was slightly injured when he was struck by Japanese sentries while attempting to pass the gate into the special administrative district after the curfew on Saturday.—United Press.

Japan

DIET DEBATES BUDGET

Supplementary Items Up For Review

Tokyo, Mar. 6. The national defence budgets, supplementary to the ordinary budgets, totalling ¥210,543,000 were approved by the Cabinet Council this morning and presented for deliberation to the Diet. The budgets are designed to finance the initial phases of the Army's defence programme in consideration of the Soviet armament and the Navy's building programme in consideration of the building programmes by Britain, the United States, and other Powers.

The extensive programmes for the national defence equipment of the Army and the Navy, of which the present budget are to cover only the first years, require a total expenditure of ¥1,889,038,000, including ¥194,896,000 for the Army and ¥1,694,142,000 for the Navy.

An enlivened debate was started in the House of Representatives when the extraordinary military budgets, totalling ¥4,600,000,000 reached the floor.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Ishiwata, pointed out that the extraordinary military expenses, which had already been approved by competent authorities, totalling ¥7,300,000,000, of which Imperial sanction for defrayal had been granted for ¥7,388,000,000 and the residue in the reserve totalling ¥1,215,000.

A Finance Ministry spokesman added that almost the whole amount of ¥550,000,000 in reserve was to be frayed with Imperial sanction, while up to the end of February a total of about ¥6,300,000,000 had been disbursed.

The War Office spokesman said that default in advance by the Army amounted to ¥45,000,000, while a total of ¥5,300,000,000 had been expended with Imperial sanction up to the end of February. The balance was to the value of ¥400,000,000.

The Navy spokesman said that disbursement in advance by the Navy was to be made up to three-fourths of the total value of contracts and that by the end of this month 85 per cent of the defrayal for outstanding contracts was to be finished.

Mr. Miyazawa then asked whether the Government had a plan for transferring a considerable portion of the Army divisions on standing basis in Japan proper to Manchuria and China. The War Minister Gen. Hagiwara admitted its possibility but declined to dwell on the matter at length.

The interpellator said in his opinion it was necessary to prepare for simultaneous military operations against China and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Miyazawa asked whether the supplementary budgets for the Army and the Navy were designed to meet the requirements for an extended period of years or only for the coming year. He also asked whether the Army's six-year rearmament programme was formulated in consideration of the armament of the Soviet.

The War Minister said that with regard to the first point, it was to meet part of a continuing expenditure, while regarding the second point it was worked out as part of the six-year plan and the new situation involving the Soviet Union was taken into consideration in its formulation.

Mr. Miyazawa pointed out that both the Vinson plan of America and the British naval expansion plan were allegedly outside the purview of disarmament treaties. He asked on what policy the Navy was going to establish its "independent plan" against the new British and American plans. He further queried whether the predominance in the Western Pacific standard was to set up a "two-Power standard" against Great Britain and the United States.

Navy Minister Yonai said that the new Vinson plan of America was designed to expand the old Vinson plan by 20 per cent, and admitted that both the British and the American naval expansion plans were taken into consideration in working out the Japanese Navy's new armament plan.

Questioned as to the possible connection of the fleet building plan with the anti-Comintern pact between Germany, Italy and Japan, Navy Minister Yonai said that there existed no relation whatever between them. What attracted the Navy's attention most at the moment was the construction of a new order in East Asia. In order to attain this objective, Japan must be prepared to fight her way through possible difficulties in the international situation. It was desirable, however, that such possible difficulties might be relieved through means of diplomacy.—Domei.

Spanish War

Surrender By Republicans Not Likely As Yet

Almost immediately after the reorganisation of the Republican armies under Dr. Juan Negrin, an uprising broke out in Cartagena and later the Prime Minister was reported to have fled from Madrid. The Army Generals who overthrew Negrin are said to have learned that he was preparing to flee.

The Council of Defence, which has superseded the Prime Minister, insist that the Republic will resist to the end but both in Burgos and London the latest developments in Spain are interpreted as the surrender of the Republican army without further war.

To Continue Resistance

Madrid, Mar. 5. The Army generals overthrew Dr. Negrin after learning that the Premier and Ministers of the Cabinet were apparently preparing to flee.

The National Defence Council under General Segismundo, Commander of the Madrid Zone, announced by radio that an armistice would be accepted provided the Republicans were assured there would be no reprisals and no foreign domination.

General Casado, in a broadcast, said: "Either we are all saved or all sink and die. The last triumph depends on ourselves. We must remain on a war footing until we receive a guarantee of peace insuring our independence and avoiding reprisals."

The Socialist, Senor Julian Besteiro, a member of the Defence Council said: "We will fight to the death unless our independence is assured." Both General Casado and Senor Besteiro contended that the Negrin Government was illegal and that when President Manuel Azana resigned the Republic was "behind." He believed that the chief reason for the coup d'etat was the belief that Dr. Negrin was negotiating surrender.—United Press.

Appeal from Madrid

A peace gesture was made by General Casado in an early morning broadcast when he addressed himself to Spaniards in the Franco zone, declaring their brothers in Republican territory sought peace based on conciliation, independence and liberty.

"We fight for nothing which we ourselves do not desire," he said. "We want the nation to be free from all foreign influence, unfettered by the imperialist ambitions of others. In your hands lies the peace which Spain very badly needs, or war which would enfeeble our country and thus place her at the service of invaders. If you offer peace our hearts will generously respond, but if you continue to wage war upon us we will fight to the death."

General Casado followed the address with an appeal to General Minja to accept the presidency of the Defence Council. Minja has apparently agreed to it and Casado later informed the army corps chiefs of the appointment.—Reuter.

Hopes for Peace

Burgos, Mar. 5. Authoritative circles in the opinion that the fall of Negrin and the creation of a Defence Council mean there is hope for immediate pacification throughout the Spain without further war.—United Press.

Surrender Near

London, Mar. 5. The overthrow of Dr. Negrin and the establishment of a military junta are interpreted as the prelude to surrender by the Republic. It is

The Pope Is Advised To Rest

Vatican City, Mar. 5. The Pope was tired out after a long and intense daily programme. He has been ordered by the Vatican physician, Dr. Amintore Milano, to rest, according to well informed circles.

It is revealed that the long schedule since the death of Pope Pius XII together with the shock caused by the fall during the conclave have produced their effects and Dr. Milano, after an examination, said that His Holiness was overworking himself and he was not sleeping sufficiently.—United Press.

Audiences With Pope

Vatican City, Mar. 5. Pope Pius XII spent the first Sunday morning of his reign in giving an audience to prelates and lay workers upon whom the responsibilities of the Church fell during the vacancy of the Papal throne.

His Holiness saw each individually and devoted most time to Monsignor Ugo Desimoni who was the Pope's class mate at Capranica College.—United Press.

APPEAL FOR CONFERENCE

London, Mar. 6. Mr. George Lansbury has appealed to Pope Pius XII to call a conference of religious leaders to discuss the world situation, and suggested that the conference be held in Jerusalem during Easter.

It is stated that after seeing most of the heads of Governments he declared that the questions dividing them could be solved by discussions.—Reuter Bulletin.

believed that the Communist element which wanted to continue the struggle has been eliminated.—United Press.

Still Holding Out

London, Mar. 5. The Gibraltar correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph alleges that the revolutionaries are still holding out in the Cartagena Dockyard, and are occupying a strong position.

The Lisbon correspondent says it is reported from Burgos that the Republican fleet has left Cartagena in order to surrender to Franco's naval yard. Cartagena will probably be attacked from the sea.—United Press.

Revolt Premature

Paris, Mar. 6. Nationalist bombers attacked Cartagena and three other coast ports this morning in an effort to prevent the mass flight of Marxists.

According to controllable sources, the nationalist uprising in Cartagena was premature, and although Franco ordered the fleet to hasten to Cartagena a small group of Franco sympathizers, it appears, had been routed before the fleet was able to leave Barcelona.

Thirty officers who failed in their efforts to seize the naval base and arsenal, although they did hold the radio station for several hours, arrived in French Algeria in Republican Army planes.—United Press.

Men Arrested

Paris, Mar. 6. Four Spanish military planes have landed in French North Africa. About 30 officers and men stepped out, and were immediately arrested by the French authorities.

One plane quickly tried to resume the flight towards Spanish Morocco, but was compelled to land in French territory.

It is believed that the planes participated in the abortive rising in Cartagena.—Reuter Bulletin.

RECOGNITION DELAY

Washington, Mar. 5. It is believed that Negrin's overthrow and the prolonged Republican resistance will postpone immediate consideration of recognition of the Franco regime; the delay may possibly be for months.

It is pointed out that advocates of recognition, particularly the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have emphasized that they are not willing to grant recognition so long as the Republicans maintain an active government.—United Press.

GUAM NOT TO BE FORTIFIED

Washington, Mar. 6. The question of the fortification of Guam "won't" be pressed at this time," stated Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, which opened hearings regarding the project recently rejected by the House of Representatives.

The statement is accepted as definitely shelving the issue for this session of Congress.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S NEW AERIAL BOMB TESTED IN AMERICA

Washington, Mar. 6. Germany's new type aerial bomb, which was stated to have been tried out in the air raids on Barcelona and killed everyone within a radius of a quarter of a mile, has been very much overrated as a weapon according to ordinance experts of the army who examined official publications, says the semi-official publication Army and Navy Journal.

The bomb does not contain liquid oxygen as at first supposed, but is filled with ammonium nitrate, powdered charcoal and powdered aluminum enclosed in a light magnesium alloy shell.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION

The weekly meeting of the Peace Pledge Union will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day, in the Challenge Book Room, 1, Ice House Street, 1st Floor. The speaker will be Professor S. Laufer, biologist, and his subject will be "Pacifism and Economics". This meeting is open to the public.

Ship for Canton

The O.S.K. steamer Canton Maru, which is under charter to the Japanese Government, will leave Hongkong at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The vessel is berthed at the O.S.K. wharf. Only passengers will be taken to Canton.

Shanghai

Newspaper Version Of Pact

Manchester Guardian Praises Council

Tokyo, Mar. 6. Congratulating the authorities concerned on the amicable agreement reached between the Japanese and Shanghai Municipal Council representatives regarding the control of anti-Japanese terrorism in the International Settlement, the Asahi Shimbun deals at length with this issue in its editorial.

"The Shanghai International Settlement, and especially the French Concession, has long been notorious as the resort of political offenders and criminals, while since the outbreak of the China incident the Settlement authorities have been conniving at the subversive activities of anti-Japanese elements who have thus been actually encouraged in their activities.

"Chinese language newspapers published in the Settlement have also been responsible for the vigorous activities of these anti-Japanese elements whose operations they both directly and indirectly instigated.

"If more effort had been made in the past by the Settlement and French Concession authorities to maintain peace and order, the majority of these unfortunate incidents would have been prevented.

"However, the Municipal Council has now agreed to co-operate with the Japanese in a determined effort to eliminate terrorists. It remains to be seen how far the Council will translate its promise into action.

"If the Council lacks sincerity, effective measures for the control of terrorism should not be expected. In such a case, it is possible that the Council may attempt to shift the responsibility on to the Japanese side should there occur further acts of terrorism in the Settlement.

"What is most needed, therefore, is in order to carry out the agreement mutual co-operation on a solid basis just reached between the Japanese and the Municipal Council authorities."—Domei.

COUNCIL DID WELL

London, Mar. 6. The Municipal Council of the International Settlement has done well to resist the more extreme demands for suppression of terrorism, declares the Manchester Guardian, and if it accepted the Japanese offers of more police it has the excuse that it is to the interests of both sides if terrorism can be put down.

There are some points in the agreement which must arouse a certain amount of apprehension; and more serious still is the claim that Chinese offenders and suspects will be examined by the Japanese police authorities as a rule. To anyone with a knowledge of Japanese "third degree" methods in their own country this has a sinister sound, and in practice it would seem to subject those Chinese living within the boundaries of the Settlement to much the same kind of terrorism as exists outside them.

Have the democratic Powers made one more concession to force at the expense of the weak, asks the paper.—Reuter.

PRO-JAPANESE BURMA Rangoon Doing Big Trade With Tokyo

Tokyo, March 6. Mr. Toyoji Kaneko, Japanese Vice-Consul at Rangoon, arrived to-day in Tokyo, Formosa, en route to Tokyo on furlough, after three years in Burma.

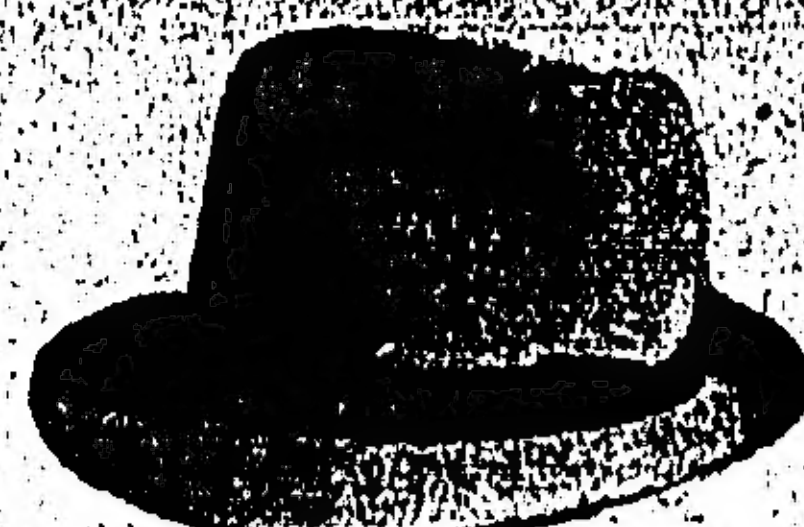
In an interview with the Asahi Shimbun, Mr. Kaneko said the Burmese were very pro-Japanese and were buying Japanese goods.

"The Burmese think they must shake hands with the Japanese, knowing that to do so is the way to save themselves from slavery," he said. "There are heaps of arms and munitions destined for the Chiang Kai-shek regime in Rangoon, but transportation to the interior of China seems very difficult."—United Press.

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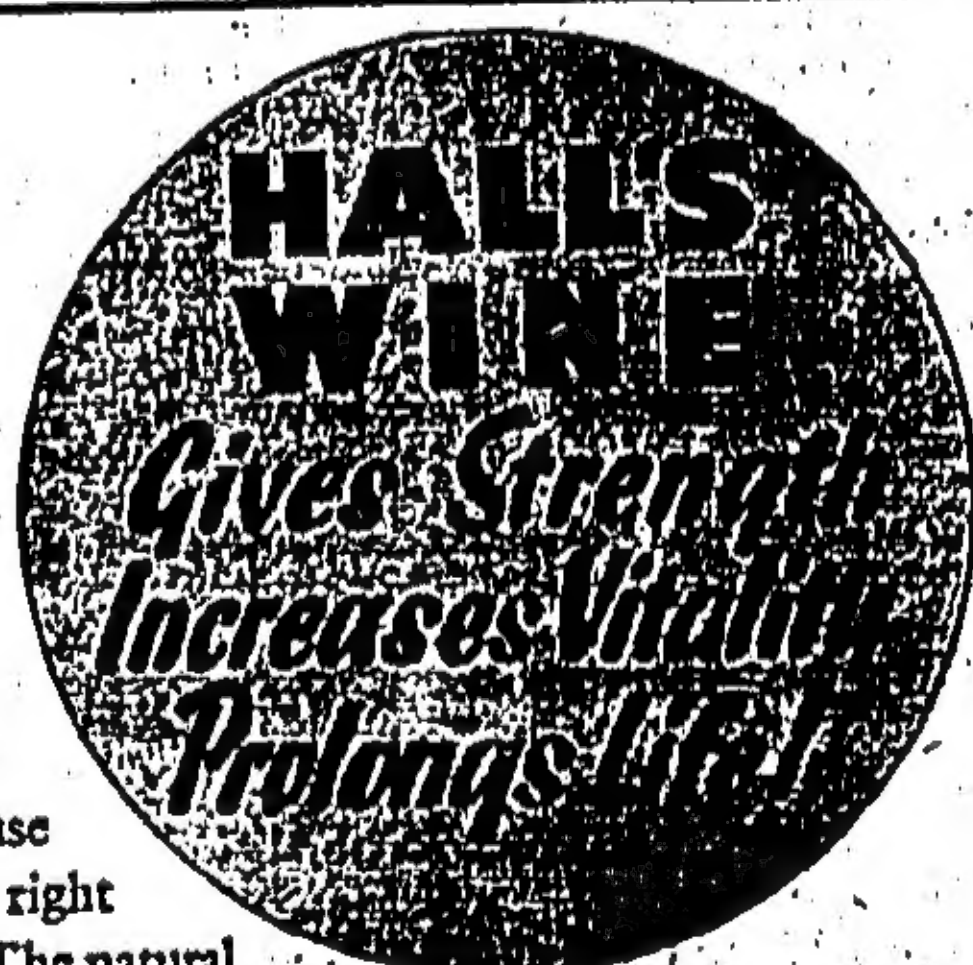
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ENJOYABLE TENNIS SEEN IN OPENING PROGRAMME

VARSITY PAIR CAUSES UPSET IN 1ST ROUND

J. LEONARD AND G. CHOA SCRAPE THROUGH GAME

(By "Abe")

Considering that it was the opening day of the grass-court championships, the standard of tennis seen at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday was surprisingly high. True, there were quite a number of mistakes; but counter-balancing them were a great many winners which would have done credit to a much later stage of the competition.

In all, five matches were decided in the singles and three in the doubles—a rate of progress which, given fine weather, ought to see the tournament through in much quicker time than last year when it dragged on far too long.

Nearly all the players seen in action yesterday had been participating in previous tournaments; the exceptions were A. R. Kitchell, C. R. Bax, Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong. Of these, the only one to be eliminated was Kitchell, who succumbed to the steadiness of Chan Kam-moon in straight sets in the singles. Bax defeated an experienced player in Ng Kam-chuen, while Lim and Wong provided an eye-opener in the doubles by overcoming such a formidable combination as Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chi-keung in two sets, the second one to love. This was the only major upset of the day's programme.

As expected, the match between J. W. Leonard and George Choa, of the Craigengower C.C., and Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung, of the Chinese R.C., produced some even play. Both pairs at one time or another have reached the semi-finals of the tournament, and were, therefore, a trifle unlucky to meet at such an early stage.

PLAYERS NERVOUS

At the outset, it appeared that Wong and Luk were the better-balanced pair. But the subsequent play showed that they appeared in this light only because Leonard and Choa had not yet settled down. The latter players seemed nervous in the first set when they not only made innumerable mistakes but served up lost volleys simply cried out to be killed. Ironically enough, the last rally of the set was won by the Chinese on a netcord!

Strange to say, this bit of bad luck, instead of adding to the nervousness of the Craigengower pair, in fact seemed to be the cause of their "steadying" down. At least, the hesitancy in striking, which had been so obvious earlier, was gone when the second set commenced, and they went on to win six games in a row to put themselves on level terms. Once their nervousness was over, Leonard and Choa embarked on a policy of attack, and this paid them handsomely.

While Wong and Luk remained as steady as ever in their volleying, they found that their opponents were not nearly so keen on putting up easy lobbs for them to tuck away as before, and that if they wanted to win points they had to go out to earn them. They did try to do so, but their measure of success was very small indeed as compared with Choa and Leonard,

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of the matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

Chan Kam-moon beat A. R. Kitchell 6-1, 6-3.
Tsoi Ping-fan beat T. C. Monaghan 6-3, 7-5.
C. R. Bax beat Ng Kam-chuen 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
I. M. Razack beat K. M. Lee 6-1, 6-1.
Luk Chun-cheung beat A. V. Remedios 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles

J. W. Leonard and George Choa beat Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.
Paul Kong and Szeto Bick beat I. and B. Agafuroff 6-1, 6-3.
Lim Thiat-tet and Stephen Wong beat Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chi-keung 6-4, 6-0.

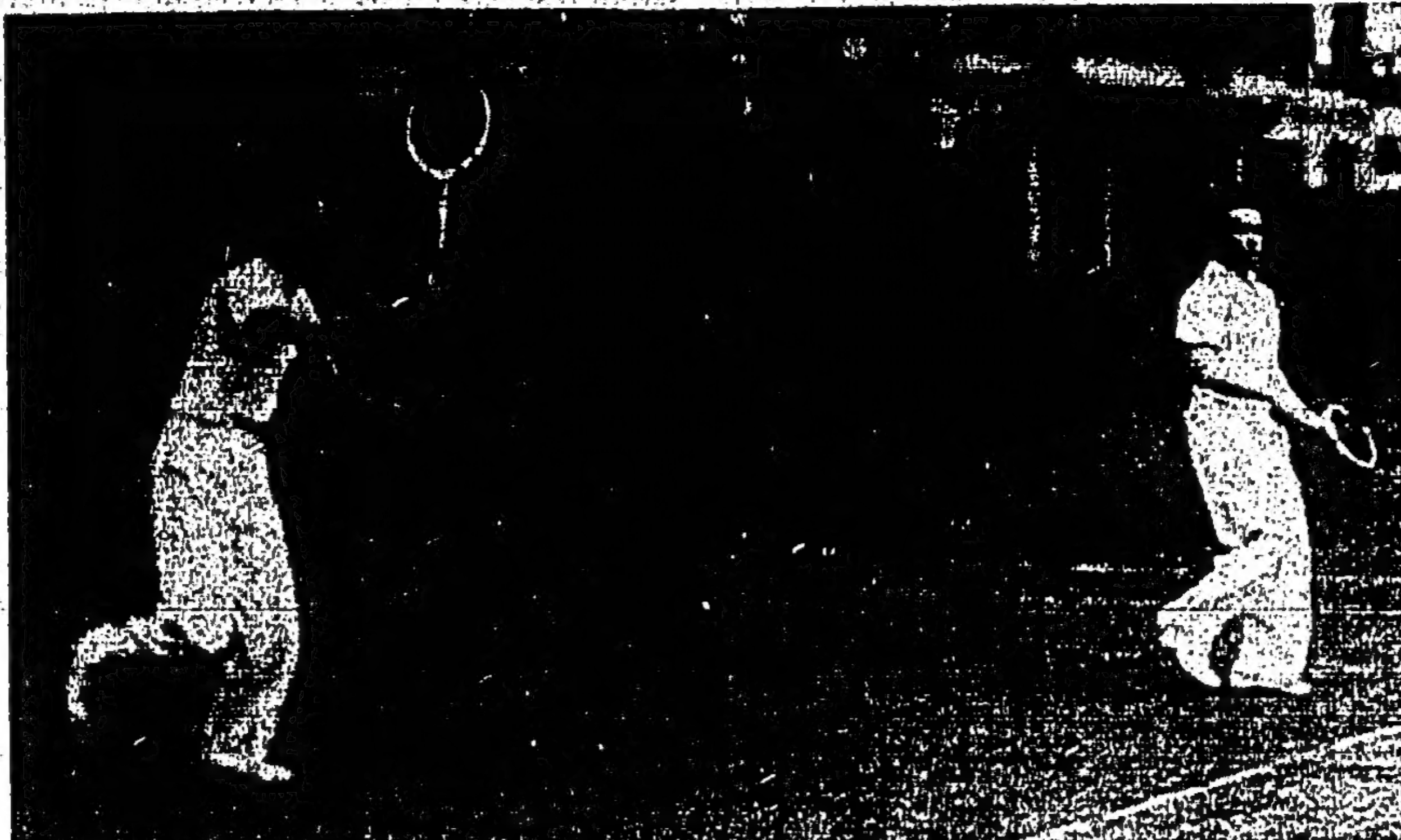
who were able on occasions to flash over a winner.

WEAK SERVICES

A peculiar feature of the third set was that service was lost in turn by both pairs until Leonard held his to establish a lead of 5-3 for himself and his partner. This advantage was sufficient to give them the match in the tenth game.

Service on the whole was rather weak, only George Choa alone having the semblance of a decent delivery; Leonard, Wong, and Luk were all extremely poor in this department.

An incident which occurred in the course of this match ought to serve as a lesson to George Choa and all young players. When he and his partner were leading 40-love, an opponent's return of service went sailing outside the side-line. It was obviously going out, but instead of letting it drop, he caught the ball, and the umpire (Mr. Lee Wei-tong) immediately, and quite rightly, called the point against him. Fortunately for him and Leonard, they won the game, but this non-observance of



George Choa (left) and Joe Leonard, seen above, started very shakily in their doubles tie against Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung in the Open Doubles Tennis Championship of the Colony at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday, but improved in the last two sets to scrape through to the second round. They reached the semi-finals last year.—Staff Photographer.

RUGBY TIES ALL KEENLY CONTESTED

(By "Fly-Half")

All the games in the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament played off last evening were keenly contested and close.

Middlesex "B" only just lost to the 5th A.A. by the narrow margin of three points. Police "B" put up a fine fight against the P. and O. Building, who fielded such ideal "Sevens" players as Greave and Bidwell. It says much for the guardians of the law that they were able to keep the score within more than respectable limits. The Police forwards were superior to their opposition and were instrumental in preventing a full score being chalked up against them. Wall played well at scrum-half for the Police.

5th A.A. "B", substituting for Club "B", put up a brave show against the R.A.O.C. to whom they lost by three points to eight points.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank only just won their tie by a goal to nil. With both teams giving no quarter, all movements in attack were met with resolute defences.

Results were:
Middlesex "B" 0 5th A.A. 3
Police "B" 3 P. & O. Bldg. 10
R.A.O.C. 8 5th A.A. "B" 10
5th Heavy Bty. 0 Bank 5

Phillips' Challenge To Tom Farr

Manager of Eddie Phillips, former cruiser-weight champion, stated that he can find £1,000 backing for a match with Tommy Farr. Phillips is now in light training, following an operation to his leg, and expects to be fighting fit in six weeks. "Eddie has beaten Farr three times," said the ex-champion's manager recently, "and is confident he can repeat the dose."

such an elementary rule of the game might have cost him dear. Paul Kong and Szeto Bick were far too well-equipped to be unduly played by the Agafuroff brothers who, well though they played at times, were obviously up against a better pair.

SURPRISE RESULT

As already stated, the biggest surprise of the day was the defeat of Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chi-keung, an extremely steady pair from the South China Club, by the Chinese R.C. They were surprisingly steady, but to be beaten 6-4, 6-0 shows how well their opponents, Stephen Wong and Lim Thiam-tet, played.

A University combination, Wong and Lim will have to be watched by their opponents in the next round. Wong I have seen before; he makes up for lack of inches by all-round steadiness. But Lim is a stranger and seems quite promising. Both are young and extremely active.

The match between A. V. Remedios and Luk Chun-cheung in the singles was a hard-hitting affair. Both players stuck to the base-line from where they indulged in some terrific hitting on both hands. Luk, because he was the steadier, won.

In spite of the recent injury to his wrist, I. M. Razack, of the Indian R.C., played well enough to beat K. M. Lee by 6-1, 6-1. Luckily for him, his opponent was not at his best and thus he did not have to exert himself unduly.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:
Open Singles.—Lum Kwan v. J. M. Tomlinson; W. J. Hayward v. W. A. Land; Lui Kwai-fan v. S. A. Gray; Leo Cheo-man v. Leong Ping-chiu; Y. C. Lau v. Lee Wai-tong; Wong Fuk-nam v. H. D. Rumjahn.
Open Doubles.—E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson v. Pang Oi-lam and Wei Chung; Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yung-tung v. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould.

F.A. And Scottish Cup Draws

London, Mar. 6.
The draw of the semi-final round of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 25, is as follows:

Portsmouth v. Huddersfield or Blackburn R.
(on Arsenal's ground)
Wolves v. Grimsby
(on Manchester United's ground)

SCOTTISH CUP

The draw of the Scottish Cup semi-finals, to be played on the same day, is as follows:
Hibernian v. Clyde
(on Heart of Midlothians' ground)
Aberdeen v. Motherwell
(on Glasgow Rangers' ground).—Reuter.

Test Cricket

S. Africa Compiles Best Score

Durham, Mar. 6.
A crowd of 3,000 watched the opening of the third day's play this morning in the final Cricket Test, with South Africa still at the wickets. Heavy overnight rain left the ground unaffected and the wicket was good. There was a drizzle just before the start and saw-dust had to be laid.

The score at the close of the second day was 423 for 6, Nourse 77 not out and Grieverson 20 not out. These batsmen continued their innings and sent 450 on the board, which took a total of 671 minutes to make. It was drizzling slightly now and the bowlers had to utilize saw dust.

Nourse bowled Nourse drove a no ball from Perks to the boundary to reach his 100 in 356 minutes, which included six boundaries, and simultaneously the partnership yielded 100 runs in 134 minutes. Soon after, Nourse fell a victim to a yorker from Perks, his score being 103 and the total 475 for 7.

Grieverson, now joined by Langton, delighted the crowd with run-outs and leg breaks in reaching his 50 in 151 minutes. They kept together until lunch time, carrying the total to 490, Grieverson having scored 58 and Langton 6.

Grieverson added 17 runs after lunch when he was beaten by a long hop from Perks which struck the middle stump, 522-8. His 75 was made in 205 minutes in a solid all round game during which he hit three boundaries.

Nourse scored a single when he was caught by Verity off his own bowling, 523-9. Langton hit Verity for a six, but he hit out again and was caught by Paynter at long off, his score being 37 and the total 530. It was South Africa's highest score against England, beating the previous 513-8, declared, at Cape-town in 1931.

England bats Gibbs, caught in two minds, snicked a riser from Nourse, and was caught behind the wicket by Grieverson, his score being 4 and the total 531. Hutton, 6, and Paynter, 1, at the wickets.

Melville appeared to have strained his leg. He was limping about the field. Steady rain fell at 4.40 p.m. and stumps were drawn. Hutton had 24 and Paynter six, and the total 535 for P. A. Gibbs' wicket.

South Africa—1st Innings: P. G. Van Der Byl, b Perks 125

National And Lincolnshire Calls-Over

London, Mar. 6.
The latest call-over in the Grand National is as follows:

100/8 Tame Willow (t. and o.)
100/8 Workman (o), 100/7 (t)
100/6 Tockville (t. and o.)
100/6 Royal Daniel (o)
20/1 Royal Mail (t. and o.)
20/1 Underhill (o), 20/1 (t)
25/1 Macelfat (t. and o.)
25/1 Coolen (t. and o.)
30/1 Alrcadot (o), 40/1 (t)
Tame Willow has become second favourite and has hardened its market following its win in the three miles three furlongs chase at Birmingham to-day when she beat Montrejeu by 13 lengths while conceding 21 pounds.—Reuter.

LINCOLNSHIRE

London, Mar. 6.

The Lincolnshire call-over is as follows:
10/1 Domaha (t. and o.)
100/8 Galsania (o)
100/6 Aldine (o.)
10/1 St. Andrew (t. and o.)
25/1 Tencrere (t. and o.)
25/1 Dundee (t. and o.)
25/1 Daily Bread (o.)
25/1 Halcyn Gift (o), 33/1 (t)
25/1 Pantyrman (o), 40/1 (t)
50/1 Squadron Castle (o), 60/1 (t).—Reuter.

A. Melville, b Wright 78
E. A. Rowan, l.b.w., b Perks 33
B. Mitchell, b Wright 111
A. D. Nourse, b Perks 103
K. G. Viljoen, c Ames, b Perks 57
E. L. Dalton, c Ames, b Farnes 57
R. E. Grieverson, b Perks 57
A. B. Langton c Paynter, b Verity 27
E. S. Newton, c and b Verity 1
N. Gordon not out 20
Extras 20

Total 530
Fall of wickets: 1 for 31 (Melville); 2 for 219 (Rowan); 3 for 239 (Mitchell); 4 for 274 (Van Der Byl); 5 for 278 (Viljoen); 6 for 308 (Dalton); 7 for 475 (Nourse) 8 for 522 (Grieverson); 9 for 523 (Newton); 10 for 530 (Langton).

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Farnes 40 9 108 5
Perks 41 5 100 5
Wright 37 6 142 2
Verity 55.5 14 97 0
Hammond 14 4 34 0
Edrich 9 2 29 0

M.C.C.—1ST INNS.

L. Hutton, not out 24
P. A. Gibbs, c Grieverson, b Newton 4
Paynter, not out 1
Extras 1
Total (for 1 wkt.) 35

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

KOWLOON-RECREIO TIE OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF SATURDAY'S GAMES

The outstanding feature of last Saturday's cricket was, of course, the tie between the K.C.C. and Recreio. I call it a tie, but I am not entirely sure whether the fact that Kowloon still had a couple of wickets in hand, may not be used to prove that it was a draw.

I don't think it matters a great deal, as it is fifty-fifty between the two teams concerned, and a half point won't make any difference, provided that the H.K.C.C. win both of their remaining fixtures, (against Craigengower and Recreio), and that K.C.C. tie or lose in their game with the I.R.C. If they win that on Saturday next on their own ground, then they are bound to win the league. Recreio will possibly decide matters on March 18, in their game with the H.K.C.C.; provided that Kowloon fail to win this game on Saturday.

The scores in last Saturday's game were very typical of the two clubs, as on each side about three or four men did all the work. E. M. L. Scores made 45 out of 123 for Recreio, and the next top score was Extras with 20. Those 19 bytes made a great deal of difference! For Kowloon no-one got into double figures, with the exception of Anderson (51), and the batsmen after these were bustling for runs. It was a typical day. Goodwin snapped a leg muscle and could not move for the last run. One cannot help feeling that however good the bowling was, 240 runs in over 4 hours' cricket is not very enterprising.

In the bowling, Lee did a great deal of work, though he wasn't so deadly as usual. Goodwin, who was evidently coming back to his old form, took three for 25, but the best figures were shown by Lay, (9/4/10/4). For Recreio, the fact that E. L. Gosling sent down 21 overs for 42 runs and 3 wickets, and 19 overs for 50 runs and 4 wickets, shows how accurate a length was kept, and why Anderson and Mackay were plinned down by them.

INDIANS OUT OF IT

I cannot help thinking it is quite a long time since the Club beat the I.R.C. outright, though they have often had the better of a draw. They have to thank four men almost entirely for the victory. At last Alec Pearce got going, and he was unlucky not to make his century. I am told that he was dropped fairly early on, (and in that case it was a very expensive mistake), but afterwards he played beautiful cricket. Ride, who opened, made a good stand with him for the second wicket, scoring 28, but the majority of runs came when he was joined by his brother John, who made 41 before he was l.b.w. to Madan. Owen-Hughes declared at 188 for 6, leaving the I.R.C. two hours' to get the runs. It was possible though, pretty quick going, but it left him ample time to get them out if his bowling worked.

The Indians are this season, playing quite different cricket, and not only did they go out in the most sporting way for the runs, but they very nearly got them. A. R. Kitchell and Y. el Arzulli were the chief scorers, with 60 and 45 respectively. As regards the bowling, Minu and Madar carried most of it on their shoulders for the I.R.C. For the Club, Owen-Hughes, who after an excellent start has not done much in the last two or three matches, got going and bowling unchanged, took 7 wickets for 54 runs in 20 overs—a very fine performance. This finally distinguishes any chance of the Indians winning the shield. But I must say that, in my opinion, they have covered themselves with more glory by the sporting way in which they have gone for all their matches, than they could have done by winning the Shield by dull and sticky

cricket. I have already, at the beginning of this article, sized up the chances of the Club vis a vis the other two leaders.

A LATE DECLARATION

It seems to me quite on the cards, that, had the Navy declared a little earlier, they might have made it more difficult for the Club Service to escape defeat. As a matter of fact the C. S. are having abominable luck with injuries this year. Richardson kept wicket, as it was entirely impossible for him to field, anywhere else. He stood back and only two bytes were scored, these coming from a half which did everything but bowl the batsman. Perry had damaged his neck and shoulder muscles in making a catch during the mid-week cricket, and was unable to bowl. Both Baker and McLellan bowled excellently for this first spell. Walters had a very good knock for 53. Kennedy made 42, but he was very lucky in the early twenties as he was plumb l.b.w. but Whitley, who was bowling, had unsighted the umpire. Lees had 28 not out when the declaration was made at 4.25, and I believe C. S. started batting at 4.40. Colledge, who is rather out of luck this season, went early, but Perry and Barrow put on over 80 for the second wicket. Seeing that the Navy had Moores, Whitmarsh and Manners, all of whom bowled for the Navy in the Triangular Tournament, the C. S. didn't do badly to collect 85 for 6. Richardson was run out through the zeal of his runner.

ANOTHER DEFEAT

Poor old Craigengower most certainly are in the dumps. They got the Army out for 130 runs, of which Logan made 42, Whatman 16, Palster 25 and Dyeon 10 not out. The rest did little, and the total was only 130. Billimoria 4 for 81, Iremail 3 for 85, and Souza 2 for 15, shared the wickets.

In the ordinary way, even up against Hatfield, Craigengower would have made fairly light of their task, but I cannot help thinking that they have rather got their tails down at the present, or perhaps it would be more polite to say they are still in their bad patch at any rate, since except Eamail (32), Iremail (20) and Hanson (18) not double figures, and they were all out for 114.

JUNIOR DIVISION

I seem to have got rather mixed over one of the major last Saturday, but apparently the University were playing the Club 2nd eleven at Pokfulam. The Club paid them the compliment of going the whole way to make 173 with Jack Armstrong coming back to form with 47, while Lowe made a nice 36. Tam (74) and Fong (37) made a very nice 2nd wicket stand, putting on 97 runs, but afterwards the others failed courageously in trying to get a win, in which they only failed by 18 runs. It was the sporting thing to do.

Of the other games, the Army 2nd rattled up a big score, thanks chiefly to Webb and Goodger, and the Navy just managed to claw off a lee shore, making 107 for 8 wickets. The Police had their expected win against the C.S.

I am afraid that I shall be unable to deal with next Saturday's games, until about a week after they have been played, when it may be possible to review the season. It is still possible, however, that we shall have to wait until March 18 to know exactly where we are.

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HONGKONG TO PLAY MACAO ON APRIL 16

Interport Football Arrangements Fixed At Council Meeting

The Interport football match between Hongkong and Macao will be played at Macao on Sunday, April 16, it was decided at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council, held in the Association rooms, Bank of Canton Building, yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Pryde.

It was announced that the visit of the Manila Interport football team to the Colony had been very successful and the gate receipts had been satisfactory.

The Manila team had expressed their appreciation of the efforts made by the Entertainment Committee here to make their stay as pleasant as possible.

The Lal Wah Cup final between the Chinese and the Civilians will be played on the Club ground on March 26. It was proposed that Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Colonial Secretary and President of the Football Association, be invited to give away the trophy.

A letter received from Macao regarding the Interport match was read. The date suggested by Macao was Sunday, April 16, the match to be played at the Candorone, kick-off at 3.30 p.m. Macao had also requested that a team of First Division players be sent.

The date suggested was approved, and all arrangements were referred to the Management Committee.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed visit by a Colony team to Manila at the end of the present season. April 28 was suggested as the date for the departure of the Colony players. Arrangements for the visit were left to the Management Committee.

Mr. Pryde mentioned that he had met Mr. Grimshaw, former President of the Shanghai Football Association, on several occasions at matches recently, and Mr. Grimshaw had expressed the good wishes of the Shanghai Association, and also their regret that the Colony had been unable to send a team to the northern port for the Interport. Mr. Grimshaw said that the Shanghai Association had asked that Hongkong send a team up north during November this year.

The suggestion was approved by the meeting.

It was also agreed that in the event of a draw in the Senior Shield

LEE WAI-TONG'S REASON Local Reporters Object to His Playing in Shanghai

The China Press of Shanghai has the following, accompanied by criticism of the Hongkong Chinese reporters:

Yesterday, Shanghai's enthusiasts were stunned by the announcement that Lee Wai-tong, renowned Chinese football player, would not appear in the two charity games here as had been expected.

Most startling of all, however, was the explanation given by Lee to the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association, which is sponsoring the games, as to why he had cancelled the arrangement.

According to the Chinese football idol, the Chinese Reporters' Association in Hongkong objected to the trip.

Lee Wai-tong's letter is reproduced as follows:

"Thank you very much for the invitation. If my participation can be of help to the refugees, I should be more than happy to take part in the games. However, the objection of the press to my coming to Shanghai has compelled me to cancel my engagement. Thank you for all your trouble."—Lee Wai-tong.

Also a letter from Sir Shou-son Chow:

"Because of the objection raised by the newsmen in Hongkong, Mr. Lee deems it fit, in view of the surrounding circumstances to cancel his engagement. Looking forward to another occasion for Mr. Lee's participation."

Yesterday, Lee stated that he had received a letter from the Hongkong Chinese Reporters' Association, which had strongly advised him against playing football in Shanghai. Funds for the refugees, they claimed, could be raised in Hongkong as equally well as in Shanghai. Lee said that he had given the letter to Sir Shou-son Chow, and in refusing the Shanghai invitation, had acted on his advice.



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, congratulating Leung Wing-chiu, the Chinese captain, on the victory of the Hongkong C.A.A.F. over the Hongkong F.A. in the Governor's Cup Football Competition last Sunday. Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary of the F.A., is seen in the foreground, while Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith can be seen in the background.—Staff Photographer.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Cowboy and the Lady" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon in a story about a daughter of wealth who marries a rodeo rider and thereby persuades her father to give up military ambitions. Light generally amusing stuff.

"The Great Walks" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—A bit too elephantine, but Julien Duvivier has managed to slip in a few of his characteristically brilliant flourishes. The characters and story are forgotten in the maze of the Strauss music, to hear which of course is the picture for music-lovers to see this picture for. Luise Rainer, Fernand Gravel and others made the plot sound plausible.

"Spawns of the North" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Wild enough in its background and in certain of its scenes, this is an action drama which has tried to substitute the honeyed word for the good right arm. Since Alaska seems less adapted to the problem play than to the tavern brawl, the substitution is not entirely successful. There are some very exciting scenes, which make the film worth seeing.

"South Riding" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A successful British picture, in which acting honours go to Edna Best and Ralph Richardson, also Ann Todd and Edmund Gwenn.

"Love and Hises" (Cathay Theatre, to-day).—That old feud between Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

LOCAL YACHTING

The sixth women's second series was sailed yesterday by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over a distance of 7.4 miles. Results:

Finished Pos.	Time	Yacht	Crew
1	16.35.12	Jean	(Mrs. V. Gowlan)
2	16.36.30	La Linda	(Mrs. M. I. Johnston)
3	16.37.00	Ylona	(Miss M. Corrigan)
4	16.38.38	Redbank	(Mrs. M. N. Luce)
5	16.39.50	Artemis	(Miss M. Whitlam)
6	16.39.10	True Blue	

SUCCESSFUL YEAR SHOWN BY THE KOWLOON B. G. C.

The annual report of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, which will be read at the annual meeting to be held on Friday, March 10, is one of a successful year concluded. Membership, and consequently, Membership Income, had shown an increase, and a profit of \$726 is recorded for 1938. Thirty-three new members joined, and two Honorary members were elected, as against the 27 who left during the year.

The Club house and grounds are in excellent order, and work on the extension of the Club premises, which was decided at an Extraordinary General Meeting on October 31, is proceeding satisfactorily, and it is expected that the additional facilities will be available by the end of April.

The deaths of Messrs. P. T. Farrell and F. L. Rapley, past Presidents of the Club, and Messrs. F. A. H. Cullen, J. W. Walker and J. Wedgewood are recorded with regret.

Two teams were entered for the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, the first having average success, while the second finished as runners-up. Mr. G. C. Norman is congratulated on winning the Club championship. Mr. A. J. Hall the President's Prize, and Mr. Hyde Lay the Vice-President's competition.

The addition of a new earth tennis court has proved a great asset, and tennis remains a very popular pastime. The library has been a very useful addition to the amenities of the Club, and has had excellent support.

Social entertainment was confined to a well supported Smoking Concert, and two very popular Fandel Dances during the summer.

The Annual Children's Sports and Christmas Party, which took place on December 17, was again most successful, and \$100 was donated from the fund to the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Thanks are accorded to the donors of the numerous prizes, and to those members who contributed to the Prize Fund, and to the Children's Sports Fund.

(Miss H. Crawhill Wilson)	7
Guri	10.41.03
(Miss L. Heiberg)	8
Kittiwake	16.44.12
(Miss P. M. King)	9
Joss	16.44.15
(Mrs. V. MacMillan)	10
Isobel	16.48.24
(Mrs. F. M. Morris)	

Fanling Golf Second Round Matches In Foursomes

Second round matches in the Mixed Foursomes competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played at Fanling recently, resulted as follows:

Mr. Col. and Mrs. Rose beat Brigadier and Mrs. Thomson 4 and 3.

Major and Mrs. Harvey beat W. Woodward and Mrs. Goldman 2 up.

Major and Mrs. Williams beat N. L. and Mrs. Smith 4 and 2.

Major and Mrs. Webb beat T. R. and Mrs. Rowell 1 up.

A. E. and Mrs. Lissman received a walk-over.

A. and Mrs. Nichol beat Col. and Miss King 2 and 1.

G. R. and Mrs. Razavi beat R. E. and Mrs. Lindell 1 up.

L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward received a walk-over.

The following were the results of the March Qualifying Competition for the Captain's Cup:

Old Course.—R. H. Gregory, 87—13=71, and Major A. S. Johnson, 81—10=71, tied and will play off. There were 28 entries.

New Course.—L. M. S. Lloyd, 87—17=70, qualified. There were 15 entries.

Optional Pool

There were 13 entries for the Old Course Optional Pool, which was won by Major Johnson. The Pool on the New Course was cancelled.

WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

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Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting, which will be held on March 20, 21 and 22, has been arranged as follows:

Monday, March 20.—Tombstone competition on the New Course; Long Driving, approaching and putting.

Tuesday, March 21.—L. G. U. Medal, Silver Division, Old Course; Bronze Division, New Course.

Handicap and scratch prizes in both divisions.

Thursday, March 23.—Bogey competition on Old Course; Medal competition on Relief Course.

A putting pool is running for the three days.

SPORT ADVTS THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th March, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 9th March, 1939.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

BADMINTON LEAGUE Results Of Matches Played Last Night

St. Andrew's "A" beat the Wanderers by 7-2 in a "B" division match last night.

W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong beat E. Zimmern and J. S. Ho 21-8; beat C. T. Yung and E. S. Ho 21-18; lost to S. W. Liang and T. J. Ong 21-23.

W. M. Gittens and A. E. Brown beat Zimmern and Ho 21-18; beat Yung and Ho 23-21; lost to Liang and Ong 14-21.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew beat Zimmern and Ho 21-10; beat Yung and Ho 21-5; beat Liang and Ong 21-7.

Kowloon Tong Club beat the Sailors and Soldiers Home 9-0.

Chung Wah beat Club de Reerele 7-2.

HOCKEY SELECTIONS

The following team has been selected to represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the All-India team on the Club ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8:

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond; and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe; W. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler; A. H. Poulus; G. E. R. Divett (Cap); E. F. A. Morgan and R. A. Bates.

The following team will represent the 2nd XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the 2nd XI of the Y.M.C.A. on the Club ground at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 10:

W. Brown; E. Potter and W. G. Schnabel; L. Starbuck; H. J. D. Lowe and A. M. J. Wright; W. Spencer; G. D. Woolgar; A. H. Poulus; K. A. Bidmead and I. P. Tamworth.

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LATEST FASHION NEWS FROM PARIS



PARIS.

IN spite of high taxes, rising prices and a gloomy political outlook—or perhaps because of them—fashions in Paris are swinging back to a gay youthfulness which seems to be an involuntary reaction to last season's too elegant Edwardianism.

But, curiously enough, accessories haven't all caught up with them. You get used to seeing, in one house after another, short full skirts, often 17 inches from the ground, with neat fitting jackets, but you don't expect to see them in conjunction with Directoire or Early Victorian bonnets.

And when the bonnets are heavily beflowered and as heavily veiled, the whole outfit reminds you irresistibly of a visiting film star coyly prepared for the inevitable Press interviews.

HATS

Several of the new hats, in fact, appear to be having a little struggle with their surroundings. The brimmed hats with tall, steeple crowns would, it seems to me, look happier with slimmer and longer skirts and, for the same reason, the cavalier hats, their brims sweeping up at one side to shelter a posy of flowers, have a slightly unbalanced air, charming though they are.

It is the boaters, seen everywhere, large and small, veiled and unveiled, with flowers and without, which go best with this new silhouette.

But this matter of crowns is worth looking into. A short while ago it became a rule that high hats came in with the winter. Flat ones with the long as the pin itself falling from the top. And there is the same feeling all gone by the board. There are dozens of hats as flat as a plate, it is true; but obviously at the last minute their designers couldn't keep their hands off them.

You see one topped with an enormous posy; another with an upright feather; a third with the brim at the back turned up in such a way that the hat appears to be towering.

As for crowns, you've only to look at the variety of "steep" crowns—a pointed, "rouleau" or "square" and occasionally in miniature and in line with the one but to realize the how flagrantly the milliners have broken their own rule.

Most of the spring hats reveal as much back hair as ever, but if you're plagued with untidy ends you can conceal them with a fall of chiffon scarf down your back or accept Erik's alternative—which is to wear a veil or, better, beneath your hat or coming from the back and tied over your hair and under your chin.

As for the angle, that can be straight, a half tilt, or plunged over

Drawing shows:

1. Glass sandals from Enzo.
2. Erik's fine straw bonnet.
3. Coarse straw Erik hat turned up one side, with trimming of cactus.
4. Black lace fan from Ardanne held in pink suede and lace glove from Robert Piguet.
5. Black afternoon suede gloves with gold kid pipings—imitating bracelets.
6. Gloves from Crue collection with kid palms and gauntlets and hand-knitted backs.
7. Buttoned up boots from Benetton in suede and lizard skin.
8. Gold tasselled hatpins.
9. Louise Bourbon's casquette with veiling of yellow and blue.
10. Pipskin gloves with a "frame" of darker brown; and Lucile Paray's Dorothy bag in suede.
11. Handbag made like a saddle.
12. Black satin shoe from Bunting with gold kid trimming and new square heel.

HATPINS

your nose; it depends on the hat. If flower trimmings and yards of veiling aren't dressy enough for you, there are ribbon toques, flower toques, toques of tulle and various species of turban in a medley of colours.

Or you may like tricks; then there are Violette Marsan's little square caps, like brettas, which fold up as flat—as flat as your hat.

HATPINS

Hat-pins are coming in fast. They're eye-catching objects in themselves, with metal fringes or a shower of colour stones or silk as long as the pin itself falling from the top. And there is the same feeling all gone by the board. There are dozens of hats as flat as a plate, it is true; but obviously at the last minute their designers couldn't keep their hands off them.

GLOVES

In the evening, you quite frankly dress up. Hence the gloves with bouquets of "jewels" worked on the backs, or embroidered exquisitely on narrow gauntlets with flowers and the languishing legend "Songe et moi," or the Robert Piguet models occasionally in miniature and in line with the one but to realize the how flagrantly the milliners have broken their own rule.

They're all of a piece with the lace fans, bases smothered in flowers and eye-blits cut in the tops, and Victorian bouquets with lace or ribbon streamers worn with some of the dresses.

Afternoon gloves are quite sober in comparison, even the long black ones with rows of slit kid piping straight, a half tilt, or plunged over

bracelets; while the classic type, like the leather and hand-knitted gauntlets shown at Creeds, occasionally get a little more fanciful.

SHOES

The shoes can be divided into three categories: The hardly-to-be-believed. Sheerly fanciful. Practical.

In the first is Enzo's transparent "glass" sandals with silver kid straps—wearable, comfortable, flexible, and actually made of plastic material. Button-up boots for daytime wear come in the fanciful class. Both Georgette and Benetton are doing these and with the new full skirts they'll probably be worn—occasionally.

Finally come the practical shoes, including simple court shoes with very little trimming; models which still have a tendency to mount towards the ankles but may be cut away entirely at the back; shoes which are nearly ankle length; and Georgette's new sports shoe with sole and heel of thick felt.

Experiments are still being made with heels. There is Bunting's new squared one which pyramids beyond the shoe itself. But, every bootie tells me that while women are going back to more classic footwear for the afternoon, the wedge heel for sports has come to stay. And they all add, a trifle grimly, that they will fight hard any tendency to open-toe shoes, beyond a discreet triangular opening.

HANDBAGS

After this display of imagination, handbags come a long way behind. You can have one like a saddle, a second like an enormous bow, a third like an old-fashioned Dorothy bag—but after glass slippers and buttoned boots they all seem a trifle dull.

BEAUTY BOX

SNUGGLING into a fur collar discolours the neck after a while. Ordinary cleansing is not enough. Try using a bleaching face pack. You can buy good ones cheaply, and one application works wonders in whitening the neck.

Avoid make-up with a bluish tinge in cold weather—it will accentuate your blue feeling! Go for a clear "straight" red, and choose one which does not go mauve on the skin.

Warm shades of powder, such as deep peach, are good at this time of year. Don't choose yellowish shades, like ochre, but those which have a kind, warm glow.

D. E.



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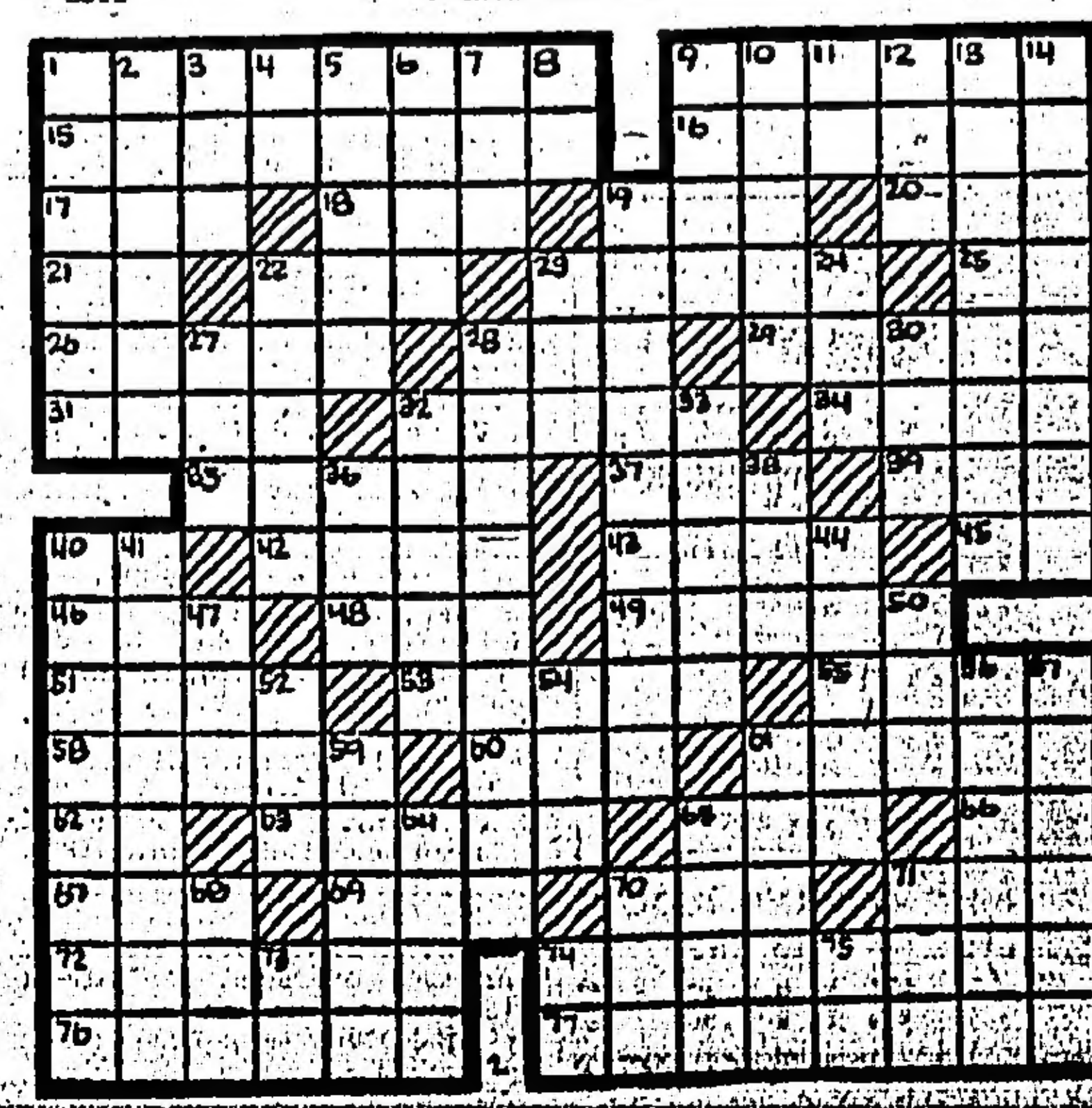
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Wild dance
- 2—Removed bit from
- 3—Inference
- 4—Ship repairs
- 5—Old (society)
- 6—Dress in best clothes
- 7—Odorous
- 8—Domestic animal
- 9—Slip
- 10—South American mammal
- 11—Meat to be eaten
- 12—Drop to middle
- 13—Temple interior
- 14—Mine exhaust
- 15—Fanciful
- 16—Female
- 17—Dance varied by foot
- 18—Sweet mastic
- 19—Porcine food
- 20—Exile
- 21—Delivered
- 22—Articles of clothing
- 23—Edward
- 24—Back
- 25—This small size
- 26—Chaper
- 27—Minute particle
- 28—Machinery unit
- 29—Political district
- 30—Tender
- 31—Part of foot
- 32—Stop
- 33—Order of the day (verb)
- 34—Come to point
- 35—Push
- 36—Pathway
- 37—Shake head up and down

DOWN

- 1—Swampy
- 2—Confused
- 3—Doctor of laws
- 4—How of case
- 5—Broom near foot
- 6—Unorderly gathering
- 7—Domestic animal
- 8—Tip
- 9—Liner
- 10—Bridges
- 11—Top of
- 12—Shades light
- 13—Blanco
- 14—Reserve in race
- 15—Shaped like arrow-head
- 16—Locations
- 17—Tinct
- 18—Bright color
- 19—Tip of mouth
- 20—Meekness
- 21—Common nitrate
- 22—Meekness
- 23—Meekness
- 24—Meekness
- 25—Ship propeller
- 26—Lair
- 27—Containing structure
- 28—Shed
- 29—Bull
- 30—Shed
- 31—Many acquaintances
- 32—Of
- 33—Review not
- 34—Reputation
- 35—Cloth manufacture (English)
- 36—Outlets
- 37—Dorian architecture
- 38—Mile
- 39—Bit for photograph
- 40—Man's name
- 41—Period
- 42—Period of time
- 43—Is able to
- 44—Perforated
- 45—Provided
- 46—Toward



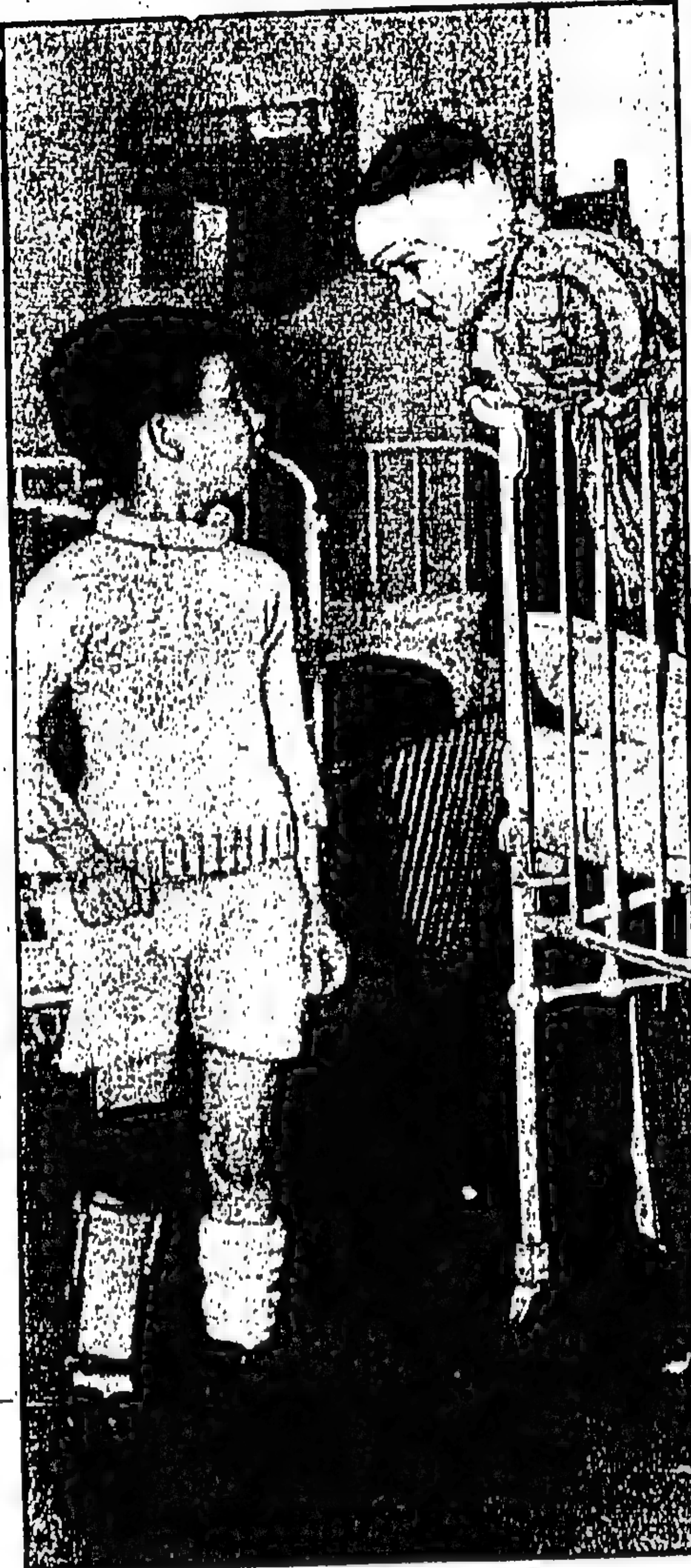
NEWS OF THE DAY
IN PICTURES
FROM FAR AND NEAR

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PHOTONEWS

**HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE**

**A LITTLE BOY
WALKS AGAIN**

Two years ago 8-year-old Philip Corish, of Holloway, N., fell 40 feet from a window and broke his thigh. Recently—with the aid of a "walking caliper"—he walked across a ward of the Royal Northern Hospital to greet his parents. You see Philip in the picture below with another patient at the hospital.



**EIGHT HURT IN
TRIPLE CRASH**

Eight people were taken to St. James' Hospital, Balham, suffering from cuts and bruises as the result of a collision between a bus, a tram, and a private car at the junction of Balham High-road and Trinity-road, Tooting.

The car was at the road crossing when a tram came up behind it, was unable to stop and collided with it.

The car was pushed 20 yards on to a traffic island, and the tram continued across the crossing and collided with a 49 bus going in the direction of Streatham. The impact forced the tram off the rails.

The injured people were the driver and passenger of the private car and bus passengers. The wrecked bus is seen in the picture above, and the car in the one below.

"It runs in the family." Of course, you have often heard this phrase, but did you know that the "Big Top" probably houses more instances of chips off the old block than any other profession? Here are some of the celebrities of Bertram Mills Circus at Olympia with their children.



Joe Craton, 74-year-old clown, and his daughter Lulu. "She gags a lot and her mouth is a fair size. I say nothing and mine is like the side of a house," said Old Joe.



Another great circus troupe are the ten Christians, a family of horseback riders. Here is Mochiquita Cristiani and father, leader of the troupe.



Sixteen-year-old Nordo Brasso is a clown like his father Soto. Nordo is the fourth generation of the family to take up clowning in the circus as a career.



Ten of one family and four cousins and uncles make up the Wazzan Abyssinian Whirlwinds. Here are Fatima and Ras Wazzan with father.

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Hongkong, 28th June, 1938.

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Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignee at 10 a.m. on Monday, 6th March, 1939.
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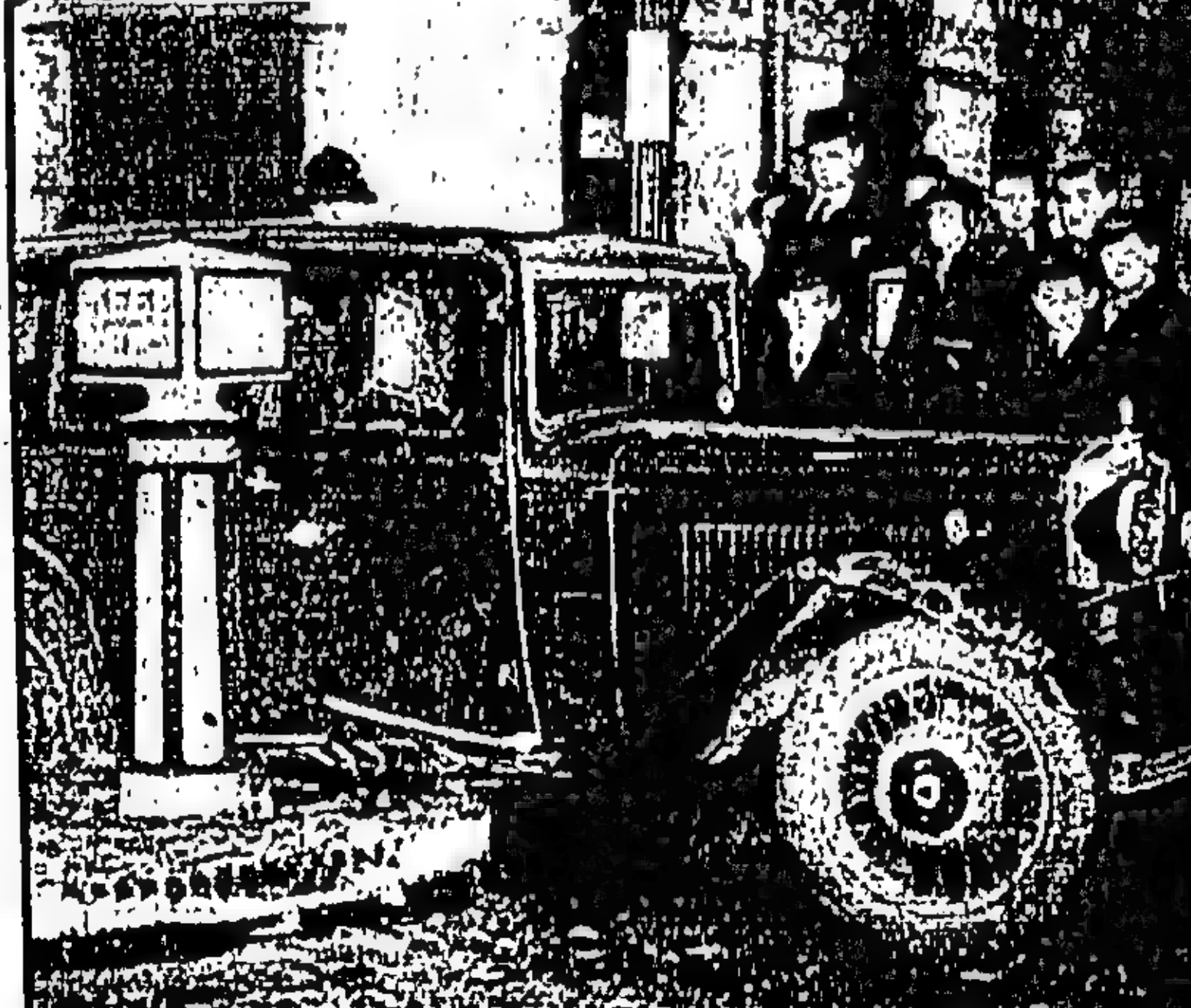
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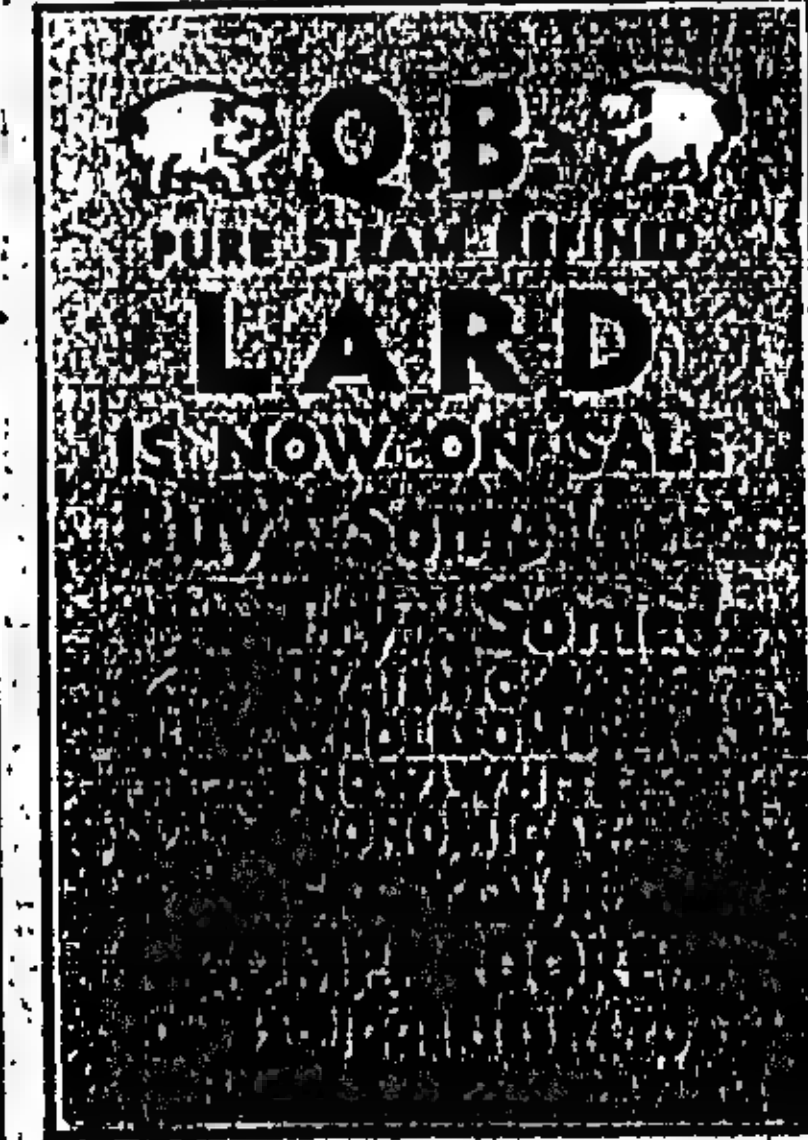
DOUBLE WEDDING
The first double wedding of the New Year was celebrated at Westminster Cathedral recently when brothers from Wales married sisters from Ireland. Miss May Dancy and her sister Ann were the brides of Sydney and Edna Low.



"My son, he is in the business. When he is a grown man he will be a clown like me," said 1300-a-week Charlie Rivals. Little Charlie is learning "the business" in three languages.



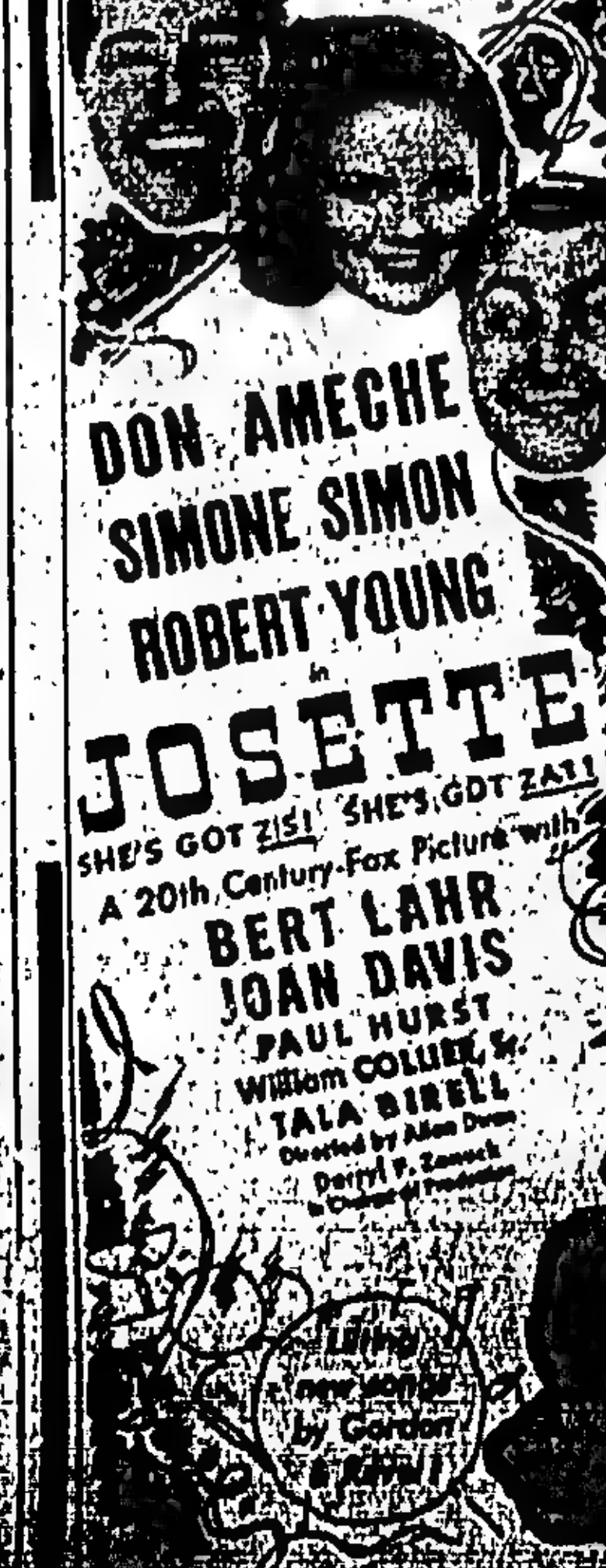
Clown Austin and son Abby. "Abby came into the circus ring for the first time when he was a baby," said father. "Now he is in the business with me."



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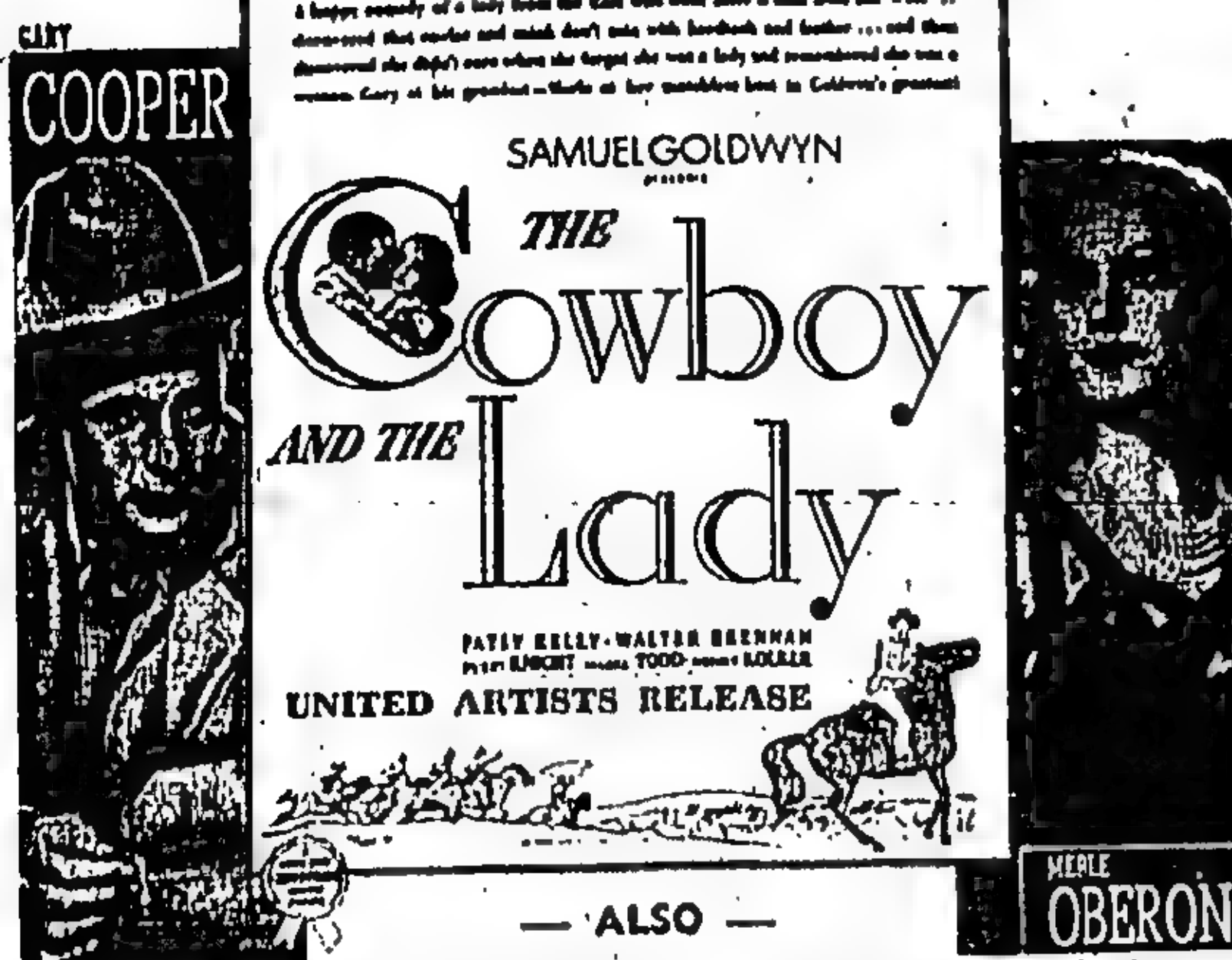
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OBITUARY

Manager Of Hotel Des
Wagon Lits

In the death of Mr. John Phillip Bourne at Peking, the Far East has lost a man who by personality and determination made a career for himself in the new land of his adoption.

Mr. Bourne was manager of the Grand Hotel Wagon Lits in Peking when he died on March 5. He had held that position since 1931 but prior to that he was for some years in Hongkong.

He was born in California but was of English extraction and he reverted to that nationality during his stay in the Colony. His first contact with the Far East was many years ago when he was purser on board the old Siberian Maru. He served on ships of the Japanese "T.K.K." Company before that concern was absorbed by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. In 1921 he joined the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., in Shanghai, being engaged in the construction work of the Majestic Hotel in that port. The following year he came to Hongkong and was general manager of the Company's hotels here until 1928 when he concentrated on the Peninsula Hotel. Much of the construction work of that building and its fine furnishings and decoration were Mr. Bourne's personal concern.

Mr. Bourne was appointed to the Grand Hotel Wagon Lits, a subsidiary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., in 1931 and, except for a brief visit to Hongkong by air in January of last year, he remained at his post through the hostilities in that area.

MR. JOHN SARGENT

Attorney General With
Coolidge Regime

Ludlow, Vermont, Mar. 5. The death is announced of Mr. John G. Sargent, United States Attorney General under President Coolidge. He was 78 years of age. John Garibaldi Sargent, appointed attorney general of the United States by President Coolidge on March 17, 1925, following the historic unsuccessful fight to confirm Charles E. Warren of Michigan, was born at Ludlow, on October 13, 1856, son of John Hermon Sargent and Ann Eliza Hanley Sargent. He was educated in early boyhood Sargent had made the acquaintance of Calvin Coolidge, who lived "over the hill" in Plymouth, and while the future President was getting his start at Northampton, Mass., Sargent was plugging away at law at Ludlow with a partner who was later to become Governor of Vermont, in 1900.

After eight years of private practice at Ludlow, Sargent was elected district attorney of Windsor County, which office he held until 1900. As district attorney he successfully prosecuted, among other cases, two of the most notorious murderers in the history of Vermont.

Then followed eight more years of private practice, until 1908, when he was elected on the Republican ticket as attorney general of Vermont, an office to which he was re-elected two years later. During his four years as attorney general, Sargent prosecuted 33 homicide cases. He generally held the respect of the Vermont bar and business men of the state. Following his state attorney generalship, when terminated in 1912, Sargent held no public office until his confirmation as attorney general of the United States in 1925.

In 1924, however, he was named permanent chairman of the Vermont State Republican convention, and during its deliberations once took the floor to introduce a resolution censuring a Vermont statesman to Congress who had broken with President Coolidge on the soldier bonus measure.

That incident was indicative of his "oneness" with the political philosophy of Calvin Coolidge, who subsequently honored him with the appointment as attorney general.

Sargent was an attorney who gained wide distinction in his own state, where virtually all of his practice was done until he became attorney general. In a modern way he emulated the Lincolnian idea of the "circuit" lawyer and was in demand all over the state.—United Press.

HERBERT MUNDIN

British Screen Comedian
In Motor Accident
Hollywood, Mar. 5.
Herbert Mundin, the British screen

ATTACK ON EDITOR

Assailant Committed
To Sessions

The preliminary proceedings against Chan Sek-lam, charged with wounding Li Fei-sin, founder and manager of the South China Daily News, and reportedly a secretary to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, with intent to murder, and, alternatively, wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, were concluded before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Chan was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. E. H. Williams appeared for the Crown, assisted by Mr. M. A. du Silva, whilst Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the accused. Inspector L. R. Whant was present for the Police. The Crown alleges that on January 17, about 5 p.m., Lim was proceeding along the road towards Pedder Street, and suddenly received several heavy blows on the head. He immediately collapsed.

There were no actual eye-witnesses of the attack, but Dr. Farr, Government Radiologist, who was about to get into his car near the scene of the attack, noticed a man stalk to the ground. At the same time, he saw another man running. He also noticed the accused striking the complainant on the head when he was on the ground.

The accused was arrested by Privates P. Hirst and H. Mullin, who happened to be there. Private Hirst said that he was walking along Des-Voeux Road Central, near Messrs. Lane, Crawford, when he heard some one shout out in English, "Stop that man." A man ran past him and he saw the accused running towards the alley next to Lunan Crawford and Hirst and Mullin caught the accused.

Private Mullin corroborated. Private J. Roe said that he was walking behind the last two witnesses, and he heard a shout of "Stop that man." The accused, who was running across the road, was caught by his two friends. Witness saw a man lying on the ground, went over and dressed his wounds. Roe saw an iron bar lying near the traminles.

Hammer Near Traminles

Mr. J. H. Belton said that as he was coming out of Alexander Building, he saw a man lying on the ground and his wounds were being dressed by an European. He picked up a hammer near the traminle and gave it to a European.

Inspector A. L. Hopkins said he was on the second floor of Alexander Building, and, looking down, saw a man lying on the ground. He telephoned for an ambulance and went down into the street. The accused was handed over to him by Mr. C. de S. Robertson, and he received a hammer from Mr. Hirst.

Shum, a doctor, dressed the wound on the Fire Brigade, said that on instructions he went to the pavement outside Messrs. Mackintosh's with an ambulance. There he helped a European to dress the wounds of a wounded man. He saw a Chinese place an iron bar in the ambulance.

Inspector L. R. Whant said that Inspector Hopkins handed accused and a hammer over to him at the Central Police station. Sometime later, he received on iron bar from the last witness, and some clothing and a felt hat from Inspector Hopkins. He was present when the accused was charged.

In answer to Mr. Russ, Inspector Whant said that to his knowledge the accused was cautioned before he was charged.

In answer to the charges, the accused said, "I have nothing to say," and "Nothing to say," respectively.

ROYAL BIRTH

Rome, Mar. 5.
Princess Marie of Asturias, wife of Don Juan, third son of the ex-King Alfonso of Spain, has given birth to a daughter at the Anglo-American clinic.—United Press.

comedian, died to-day, following a motor collision yesterday.

He appeared in "David Copperfield," "Mutiny on the Bounty" and a score of other films.—United Press.
Mundin's unique brand of comedy and his genius as a dramatic artist were recorded in some twenty Fox productions. Before going to Hollywood he achieved an international reputation as one of the feature comedians of "Charlie's Revue."

INSURANCE CLAIM

Managing Partner
Enters Box

Further questions relating to prices were put to Wong Yun-tong, managing partner of plaintiff firm, in the Supreme Court yesterday when hearing of the insurance claim against the China Underwriters Ltd., was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor.

Plaintiffs are the Cheong Shing Hong firm, and the claim arose out of a fire in their godown in January, 1939.

They claim \$30,000.23 from the defendants, being the rateable proportion to be borne by them for the loss of a quantity of sea-food through the fire.

The case is a test in which several insurance companies are interested. The defence is that out of the 137 items set out in the claim, 127 are fraudulent, and benefits under the policies are, therefore, forfeited. They further allege that some of the goods had been charged higher than the market price and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potch, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiff firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co., The defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton of Desvues.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, Wong agreed that some of the items had been altered and that the Chinese figure "one" could be changed to two, three or seven by the addition of strokes.

Shortage of Goods

Asked to explain why some of the prices in the claim items were higher than the average shown in the weight and price book, witness explained they might have been due to the fact that the goods were of a superior quality or that there was a shortage at the time. He did not understand any of the books as he was not in charge of them. He had a general knowledge of them, though not in detail.

Witness agreed with Mr. D'Almada that prices went up partly because of the destruction of the stocks and the scarcity of them in the Colony, but added that the imminence of the Chinese New Year had had some effect.

Counsel referred to stock fish, some items of which had been altered from \$12 to \$15, and asked why this had not been done to other similar items. Witness replied that information on this subject had been supplied by the salesman.

When asked if the reason cheaper fish had been supplied to customers who would take dearer fish was because none of the latter were in the godown at the time of the fire, witness replied that he did not think they were out of stock. The cheaper line was fish that had gone bad, he added.

Mr. Potter said a Mr. Au, the No. 1 salesman, would be called as he had now returned from the country. The hearing was adjourned to to-day.

LATE NEWS

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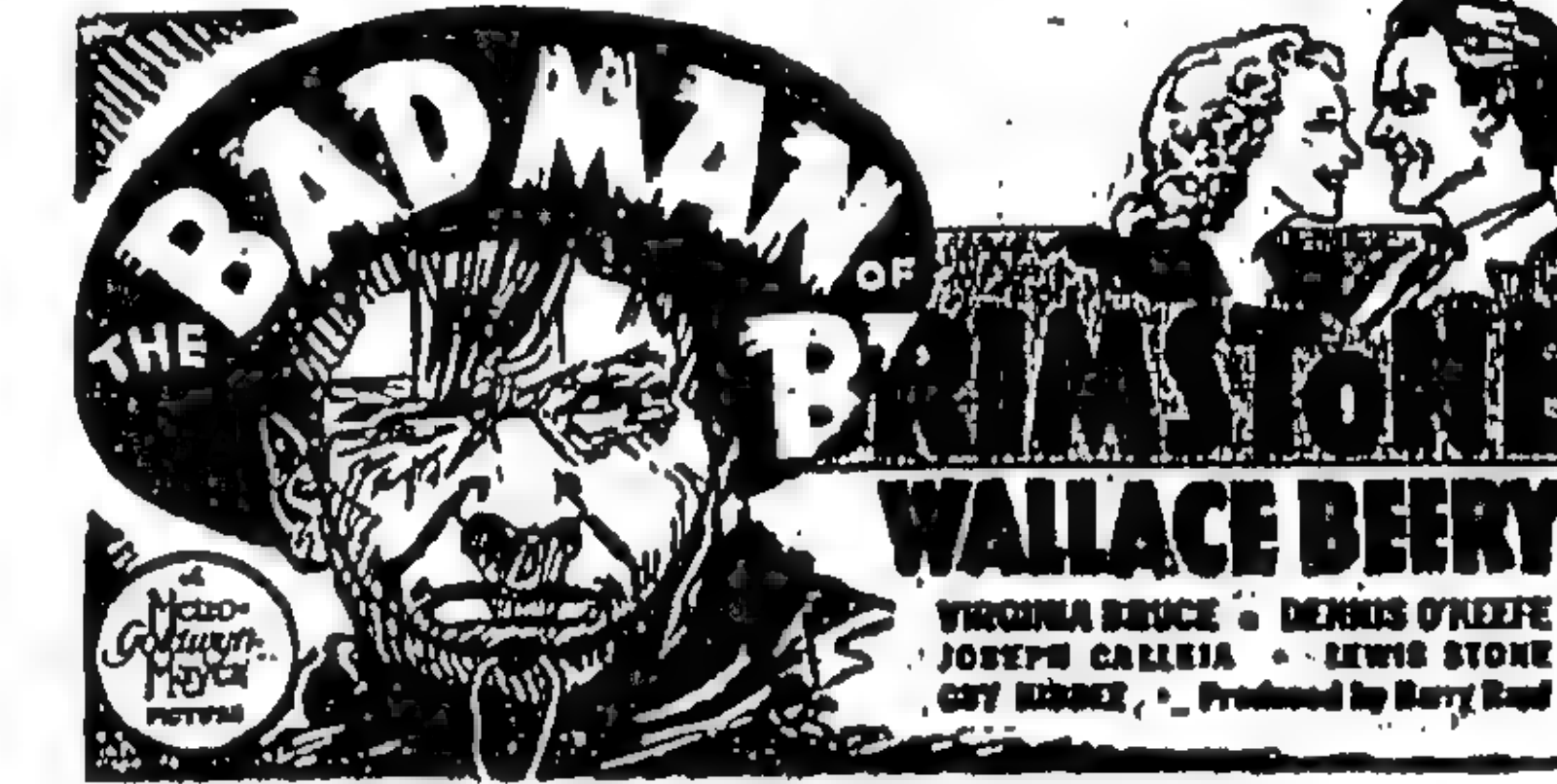
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THE POLICE RESERVE

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Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, state:

Chinese Company—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, March 7, at 5.30 p.m. sharp:

Constables R9 Wang May-on, R15 S. C. H. Liang, R20 Lau Chi-shu, R20 Lau Kwang-po, R104 Tang Shiu-woon, R105 Lam Kwok-yin, R107 Woo Chai-sin, R108 Woo Tak-sin, R109 Lai Tang-tam, R110 Chan Kai-wah, R112 Chan Ching-man, R113 Tang Chung-fai, R116 Ko Kar-ming, R120 Leung Yiu-wing, R117 Kwok King-tong, R118 Lee Chow-lam, R119 Tai Pak-yuen, R122 Fok Wai-chai, R123 Ho Tai-wing, R124 Peter Francis Lee, R125 Yuen Shing-luen, R126 Ng Shew-man, R209 Wong King-luk, R114 John Simon Au, and R127 Philip Tam Pak-hing.

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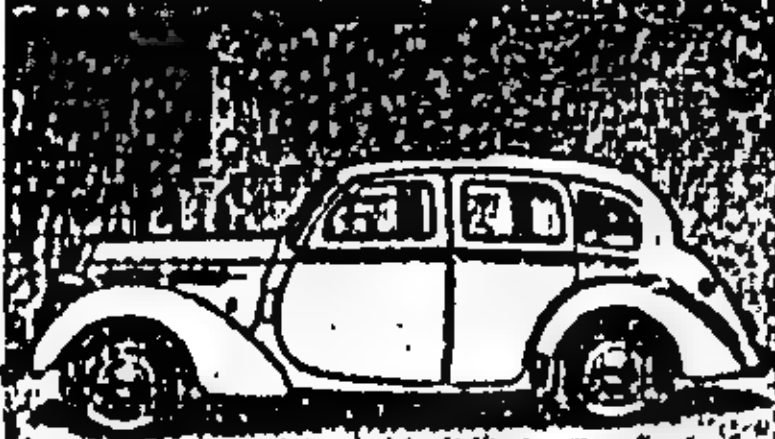
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WHITEAWAY'S

BALANCE SWAYS BETWEEN ANARCHY AND SURRENDER

No Communists In New Madrid Defence Council: War To Go On?

PARIS, Mar. 6.
BORDER REPORTS STATE THAT GENERAL CASADO HAS RADIOED TO GENERAL FRANCO OFFERING AS A PEACE BASIS, CONCILIATION, INDEPENDENCE, AND LIBERTY.
He invited the Burgos Government to make an honourable peace, promising Spanish liberation from foreign influence.—United Press.
New Defence Council

Madrid, Mar. 6.
Chiefs of the Madrid front army arrived at general headquarters all the morning to support the National Council for Defence.
General Casado telephonically received the approval of all the army corps, all civil governors, and all political sections except the Communists.
Now that the Negrin Cabinet has resigned, some ex-Ministers are coming to Madrid to support the Council if their collaboration is needed or accepted.
All civil governors reported that all was quiet within their respective provinces.

Silkylight Dies At Valley

SILKYLIGHT, Mr. Eric Moller's champion griffin of 1938, which commenced its racing career in Hongkong last year in a blaze of glory by winning every race in which it started at the annual carnival, is dead.
It died this morning from colic, the complaint which kept it out of the Champion Stakes last Wednesday.
The pony's last race in Hongkong was in the Peking Plate last Tuesday when it won fairly comfortably from King's Warden and Wild Life.
In 1938, Silkylight won for Mr. Moller the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. In the latter race, he beat the then unbeaten Liberty Bay in a dramatic race in which he came up in the last furlong to pass the champion.

Italian Naval Officer Dies Execution As Traitor To His Country

ROME, Mar. 6.
THE EXECUTION took place in Fort Bravetta to-day of Antonio Scarpa, an Italian naval officer.
A special tribunal for the Defence of the State had found him guilty of the betrayal of military secrets, and passed sentence of death upon him.
Scarpa was born in Trieste, and had served in the Austro-Hungarian navy.
Four other persons were charged with the same offence. Two were sentenced to penal servitude for life, and two were given 30 years imprisonment.—Trans-Ocean.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN DUE HERE TO-MORROW

HONGKONG will meet to-morrow that special class of tourist who travels by the best that money can get and sees everything mentioned in the guide books. They are the passengers of the Empress of Britain, 42,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner making her eighth world cruise.
The Empress, both because of her size and beauty, has been Hongkong's favourite visitor in the annual cruise season which is always during the European spring, and every year a few privileged Hongkong people with passes enjoy now a visit to this floating "grand hotel" for which she always has her Pullman shops, her Pompadour swimming pool and other luxuries, the interior decorations are ever changing, and many innovations greet the visitor.
By the Empress is not going right along the coast this time. The ship is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the morning of the 8th, and will make a special call at New York and will make a special call at Manila, the most easterly port. Then the liner will turn round and return to New York via the Cape of Good Hope.
Some 400 to 500 passengers are generally carried in her on such cruises, and when they have invaded the Hongkong shops in search of Eastern curios, one may rub shoulders with princesses, dukes and millionaires without knowing it.
The Empress of Britain is the first cruise ship to call. The 20,000-ton Franconia, of the Cunard White Star line, will call on Mar. 24 with 200 passengers and the Norwegian motor yacht Stella Polaris may call sometime next month with 150 passengers on a South Sea cruise.
The German liners Columbus and Reliance are not making world cruises this year, owing to poor tourist traffic in these parts since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war.

COMMUNISTS ISOLATED

A cordon of soldiers has been thrown around the Communist centres in Madrid to prevent unauthorised persons approaching or entering.
The new Council has been favourably received by the general population of Madrid.
The city is very quiet, though as a precaution, six-inch light guns and machine guns have been strategically posted at street corners, and troops are confined to barracks. However, there are no signs of revolt, disorder, or disapproval of any kind, and public services are all normal.
PEACE LESS REMOTE

The people are wondering what will be the next step, as the probabilities of a bloodless termination to the civil war is much less remote than when Dr. Negrin was ruling.

According to a Burgos message, the significance of the dramatic developments in the Republican zone is considered to be extremely difficult to assess. While the nature of the new Defence Council indicates that the Communist elements have been thrown out, the broadcast statements of its leaders are regarded as indicating determination to continue to fight, unless the Nationalists give conditions for surrender, which they have hitherto refused.

BALANCE SWAYING
But as General Casado and General Mija are both military men with full appreciation that their defence must collapse before the Nationalist offensive, it is thought here that the Council has been formed as an organising body for ultimate surrender.
The general feeling in Burgos is that the balance is swaying between (Continued on Page 4.)

MAHATMA WEAKER Gandhi Spends A Restless Night

BOMBAY, Mar. 6.
HEART SPECIALISTS are flying to Gandhi at Rajkot. His heart is weakening and blood pressure is increasing.
The British Resident at Rajkot to-day interviewed Gandhi for half an hour in an effort to find a settlement, so as to enable the Mahatma to break his fast on Tuesday.—United Press.

RESTLESS NIGHT
New Delhi, Mar. 6.
A Bulletin issued this evening stated that Gandhi was becoming more exhausted, and that nausea and restlessness had made their appearance.
Mr. E. C. Gibson, Crown representative at Rajkot called on Gandhi to-night and was closeted with him for half an hour, after which Gandhi was busy dictating to his secretary.
Mrs. Gandhi has been released within the limits of the State of Rajkot, and is now with Gandhi.
The Viceroy spent to-day receiving members of the Executive Council individually, as well as Bhulabhai Desai, Congress leader in the Assembly regarding the impasse.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW IN RASHID
Baghdad, Mar. 6.
Martial law has been proclaimed by the army headquarters at Rashid, six miles from Baghdad, and in the surrounding districts.
A number of suspects have been arrested.
An official statement on behalf of the Government accuses the trouble to "mischief-makers".—Reuter.

WHY GANDHI IS FASTING
London, Mar. 6.
A statement was made in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary of State for India, Mr. R. A. Butler, that Gandhi was fasting for the maintenance of the rights of the Indian people against the British Government.—Reuter.

PARIS, Mar. 6.
A HINT OF approaching agreement between the Spanish Republicans and General Franco was given by Senor Barrio, Speaker of the Spanish Cortes who is now in France.
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House Of Commons Closure of Pearl River Among China Questions

LONDON, Mar. 6.
REPLYING IN the House of Commons to-day to Sir Percy Harris, Mr. R. A. Butler said that as he stated on February 13, representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the closure of the Pearl River.

No representations had been made about the occupation of the Canton delta.
Viscount Halifax was being kept informed of the view of the British Chamber of Commerce, and was fully aware of the effect on British interests generally of maintenance of the present restriction. The Government would, through its Ambassador in Tokyo, and through the local authorities in Canton and Hongkong, continue to press for an early resumption of traffic.
Sir Percy Harris: Does Mr. Butler appreciate the urgency of the matter, and the effect it is having on Lancashire?
Mr. Butler: Yes. That is why I said we are continuing to press for an early resumption of traffic.—Reuter.

CURRENCY WARFARE
London, Mar. 6.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. A. C. Moring asked Mr. R. A. Butler whether his attention had been drawn to an official announcement that after March 10, all business transactions in North China must be financed in Federal Reserve Bank notes, and whether, in order to counteract this discrimination, he would take steps to prohibit all exports from North China into British and crown colony ports, unless accompanied by a regular certificate that they had been financed through a British, American, or French bank.

ACTION, NOT CONSIDERATION
Mr. Butler said that Viscount Halifax had been informed of the announcement. As regards the second part of the question, the Government would consider all practical measures for the defence of British interests involved.

Mr. Moring: It is not consideration, but action that is wanted.
Mr. Butler: I would certainly not minimise the need for taking any action which might be necessary.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CO-OPERATION
London, Mar. 6.
Making a statement in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said that a working arrangement for co-operation between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities had been reached, which Viscount Halifax thought did not impair the authority of the Municipal Council.

Asked if he could assume that the British Government would continue to give full support to the Shanghai Municipal authorities in negotiations with the Japanese, Mr. Butler replied Yes.—Reuter.

WARSHIP IN ICHANG
London, Mar. 6.
Commander A. Marden asked in the House of Commons to-day whether a British Consul was at Ichang at present, and if not, would the British Government send one immediately for the maintenance of British rights in view of the Japanese drive against Ichang.
Mr. R. A. Butler replied that no Consul was at present at Ichang, and the commandant of the British gunboat "HMS" would be sent to Ichang to-day.—Reuter.

Two Sides May Reach Agreement

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LOAN TO CHINA Hongkong & S'hai Bank Participates

LONDON, Mar. 6.
IT IS OFFICIALLY confirmed that Britain has decided to favour a loan to China of between £3,000,000 and £5,000,000 for the purpose of saving Chinese currency from collapse.
It will serve firstly, as a special fund for backing the gesture of Anglo-United States solidarity in the Far East, because it makes the aid extended to China by Britain to approximately the same as that granted by the United States.
Secondly, it marks the reflex following the recent worsening of Anglo-Japanese relations, and denotes an attempt to induce the Japanese to modify their Pacific hegemony drive.
The loan will be granted by a group of British Banks, headed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which will receive a full guarantee which will replace the usual Chinese security.

A special Bill will be introduced into Parliament to authorise the loan. It is emphasised, however, that this measure is separate from the additional export credit which Britain is preparing to give to China, which involves roughly a ten-fold enlargement of the £500,000 export credit guarantee lately granted to permit China to purchase torpedoes, tanks, machine tools and papermill machinery.—United Press.

NOTHING KNOWN
An official of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation told the "Telegraph": "We know nothing about the report that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is participating in the proposed loan."

Germany Read More New Testaments

Berlin, Mar. 6.
The printing and sale of Bibles and New Testaments in the German language have greatly increased in Germany since 1932, according to a statement issued here by the Prussian Bible Society, which states that 830,000 Bibles and New Testaments were printed in 1932, and in 1933 this increased to over 800,000, while in 1937 the total of 927,000 were printed and sold.
A report that no Bibles had been printed in Germany since 1932 was not true.—Trans-Ocean.

referred upon to take necessary precautions for the protection of British life and property.
Nevertheless, should circumstances appear to demand the presence of a consular officer, one could be sent at short notice from Chungking.—Reuter.

War In China JAPANESE CLAIM PAOYING CAPTURE

Foreigners Told To Seek Safety From Mass Air Raids

HSUCHOW, Mar. 7.
VIGOROUS FIGHTING continues to rage in northern Kiangsu as Japanese forces drove in various directions to tighten their cordon around the Chinese forces following the fall of Haichow.
A COMMUNIQUE THIS MORNING CLAIMS THAT PAOYING HAS BEEN CAPTURED.—DOMEI.
FOREIGNERS WARNED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 6.
THE JAPANESE military authorities, through the Japanese Consulate, have informed foreign Consulates in Shanghai of Japanese preparations for ridding the whole of northern Kiangsu, particularly the areas around Hwaiyin, of Chinese guerillas.
The communication asks foreigners to seek safety in other places, and moreover, to designate distinctly foreign property in order to avoid the bombing of such property by aeroplanes.

Meanwhile, the Japanese operations in north Kiangsu continue, and 1,000 Chinese soldiers are reported to have been dispersed near Tienkatsi, which is 70 miles south-west of the Lunghai railway terminus of Haichow.
Since operations in north Kiangsu bring the vast territory east of Kai-feng occupied by the Japanese, closer to the territories controlled by the Peiping and Nanking governments, the Japanese expect intensification of their relations with both governments.

CAPTURE OF HAICHOW
The Japanese are of the opinion that the capture of Haichow, and of Tientsin, north-west of Tientsin, capital of Shansi, will greatly contribute towards the pacification of North China, since no important concentrations of Chinese troops are reported in that area.
The Japanese claim to control all of the North China railway lines, including the Peiping-Hankow, Tientsin-Pukow, and the Tatum-Fuchow railways. Moreover, the capture of Haichow is said to render feasible immediate operation of the Lunghai railway between the eastern terminus and the capital of the Honan province, Kaifeng, "RED ROUTE".

The Japanese declare that the only remaining line of resistance is the "Red Route" from Sian to Lanchow. According to the Japanese, the capture of Tientsin in Shansi, despite still prevailing snowy weather, constitutes the most important event in a large number of small operations, carried out mainly in central and western Shansi.—Trans-Ocean.

Ruthenian Minister Relieved Of Post

Prague, Mar. 6.
The President of Czechoslovakia has unexpectedly relieved the Ruthenian Minister, M. Julian Revey of his post.
He will be succeeded by the President of the Board of Agriculture in Ruthenia, M. Klocurak, whose appointment is expected on Tuesday.—Trans-Ocean.

TENSION IN SHANGHAI Gendarmes Invade Settlement

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
TENSENESS prevailed in the International Settlement to-day when Japanese gendarmes and marines surrounded a Municipal council police station in Yangtzepoo in the eastern sector, demanding the release of alleged terrorists who fled into the premises of the police station.
Japanese gendarmes raided a shelter of terrorists in Yangtzepoo under Japanese control and rounded up five inmates. Led by one of them, Japanese gendarmes proceeded to arrest the ringleader.
The ringleader named Wang, however, fled into the premises of the Yulin Station of the Municipal Council, and the Japanese gendarmes followed him there.
The Japanese gendarmes demanded the release of the alleged terrorists, and the Municipal Council police complied with the demand. The Japanese gendarmes then withdrew.—Reuter.

Proposal Revived By Senate

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.
ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, Chief of Naval Operations, appeared before the Senate Naval Committee to-day to renew the Navy's effort to obtain congressional authority for the Guam plan.
Admiral Leahy declared that the island's strategic position made it of estimable value as a possible defence base, which would act as a strong deterrent "to any foreign Power contemplating a hostile move towards the Hawaiian Islands or the continent of the United States."
Admiral Leahy contended that Guam was of great importance as a possible air and submarine base from which to protect our overseas commerce from the Dutch East Indies.

ASIATIC FLEET BASE
He also claimed that Guam was valuable as a possible naval station (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

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TINTORETTO WAS 'LOST' IN R.A.'s HOME

A PAINTING claimed to be a Tintoretto, worth thousands of pounds, has been disclosed neglected in a store-room at the Compton, Surrey, home of Mary Seaton Watts, widow of G. F. Watts, R.A., the famous Victorian painter.

It had lain there for years, dusty, unnoticed, because "Mrs. Watts set little value on paintings which were not by her husband."

The Tintoretto is now in the hands of a West End firm of picture restorers, and is to be offered for purchase to the National Gallery. The present owner of the picture wishes to be anonymous.

Paintings by Tintoretto have been quoted in recent years at prices ranging from £4,000 to £14,000. This one is described as "a very fine example of Tintoretto's later work."

Mary Seaton Watts died at Compton last September aged eighty-eight. She left £56,907.

Her marriage to G. F. Watts when he was sixty-nine was one of the great love stories of Victorian times. An artist herself, she abandoned her painting to devote herself to her husband, sustained him in his failing health, and encouraged him with his life's work.

Mr. Hans A. Schubart, the art dealer who now has the Tintoretto in his vaults, said:—

"Mrs. Watts had a fine collection of pictures when her husband died. She was tremendously attached to him and his work, and put little value on pictures which were not by his life's work."

"The paintings were put all round the walls, but the Tintoretto was never hung. If it had, it would have been detected. It went into the store-room with other pictures of quite good value."

"When the painting was found, it was dirty and covered with a yellow varnish."

G. F. Watts died in 1904, aged eighty-seven. He had been married before to Ellen Terry, the actress, when she was sixteen years old. The marriage lasted a year, and was then annulled.

Among the most famous of his pictures are "Hope," "Love and Life," and "Love Triumphant."

Rare Chess Set Owned

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Christian Van Ankum believes he has one of the oldest carved chess sets in the world. According to the family records, the chess set pieces were carved in Holland in the 17th century. They are made of solid ivory, and are yellowed with age.

U.S. Hopes Of "Society Of Nations"

AMERICAN people are keenly interested in establishing a "Society of Nations," as distinct from the League of Nations.

This view was expressed by M. Louis Dolivet, secretary of the International Peace Campaign, at the conference of the Campaign's General Council in London recently, when about 60 delegates were present from 17 countries.

M. Dolivet has just returned from America, and said that international affairs had produced there an explosion of feeling against the totalitarian States.

The American people were willing to support any action on the part of the Administration directed against the policies of the totalitarian States to the extent of providing food and war supplies to the democratic States should they become involved in war. Lord Cecil, who presided at the morning session, said that day's fundamental issue was between the rule of law and that of the jungle in international affairs.

There must be outside each country, he said, some tribunal to which appeal could be made to say whether a particular action was in accordance with international law and the principles of justice or not.

"The fundamental thing is that we fight not for our interests or gain or prosperity, but for the establishment of the rule of law in international affairs. If we can really set that forward as the great policy of our respective countries we shall receive support from all over the world."

A resolution was passed declaring that while desiring the end of the cruelties ravaging Spain it protested against any pressure on the legitimate Government of Spain to induce it to surrender unconditionally.

On China, a resolution demanded an embargo on arms and war material for Japan and an agreement by the Powers to refuse oil imports from Japan.

Lent To University

Berkeley, Cal.

Live babies instead of case records will be used hereafter by the household economics class of the University of California. Parents were so anxious to co-operate in the course that after 50 little boys and girls had been selected, 70 other applications had to be rejected.



Mrs. V. V. Needa (facing camera) with friends at the Ladies' Day Race Meeting last week.—Staff Photographer.

Arabs Called Him Spy, Now He Pleads Their Cause

IN A QUIET WEST END HOTEL IS AN ELDERLY MISSIONARY—THE MYSTERY MAN WHOSE HELP AND ADVICE MAY BRING PEACE TO PALESTINE.

His thick Highland accent—which 50 years away from his native land has not dulled—was a strange contrast to the gold-embroidered brown "abayeh" which covered his lounge suit, to the Arab headdress which shrouded his face.

Seventy-year-old Daniel Oliver knows the Arabs and Palestine as few men do. He has been the friend of more Arab leaders than even Lawrence of Arabia.

He has broken bread and taken salt in Arab encampments in the desert wastes, and has

Countess Of Old Kent Road Dead

"The Countess of the Old Kent Road"—as Mrs. Charlotte Bracey Wright, Countess de Lornet, aged 97, was known—is dead.

A descendant of Baron de Lornet (one of Napoleon's officers), the Countess at 17 was presented at Court and at 19 married Mr. William Bracey-Wright, an engineer.

When she and her husband first went to live in Camberwell in 1809 the Countess interested herself in social work and represented North Peckham on Camberwell Council until her retirement in 1934.

One of her sons, the Rev. Louis Bracey-Wright, R.N., said:

"My mother had a deep affection for the people of the district where she spent so much of her life, and she once declared, 'I have found peace in the Old Kent Road and shall spend the rest of my days here.'"

dined in the mountain palaces of sheikhs. And he has been sentenced to death as a "British spy," to be reprieved by the intervention of a judge who was a former pupil.

"The Arabs sum up every problem in three words," he said. "In this conference not only I but all the Arab delegates make those three words 'Chamberlain, Chamberlain, Chamberlain.'"

OUR PRESTIGE HIGH

"You people at home may think it strange," he said as he let his "misbah"—a string of amber beads—slip through his fingers, "but never has the prestige of British officialdom been higher than it is in Palestine to-day."

"From General Huxford, the G.O.C. in Jerusalem, to the newest recruit of the Palestine police force, they are respected by the Arabs as free from corruption and fair and just in administration."

"The courts hand out justice and nothing but justice."

"It is not the British officials nor British administration in Palestine which have caused the trouble," he said. "It is policy."

ARABS' KICK

"The Palestine problem is not a quarrel nor a struggle between Arab and Jew. It is the kick of the Arab against Zionism—a very different matter."

"One man and one man only, I am convinced, can make this conference a success and by that can bring peace to Palestine."

"He is Mr. Chamberlain. I believe the conference will succeed if the man who tackled a far greater problem—in going to Berchtesgaden, Godesburg and Munich—and who is, in my opinion, the greatest peacemaker the world has ever known, will throw all his weight into arriving at an enduring peace for a troubled country."

"I"—here Mr. Oliver gave a modest shrug beneath the folds of his "abayeh"—"came to London to help all I can."

Girl Swept Underground

FALLING into a swiftly-running, mill stream at Abergavenny (Mon) recently, six-year-old Pamela Dodd was swept 100 yards through a tunnel which runs beneath a warehouse.

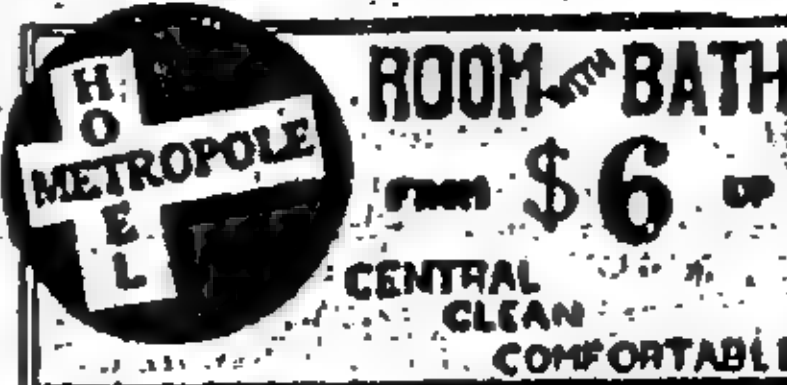
Halfway through the tunnel is a 14ft. waterfall, and over this Pamela was plunged.

Her playmates' cries were heard by Mr. A. Vaughan, a shop manager, but they were too frightened to explain.

CRYING FOR MOTHER

Mr. Vaughan, however, guessed what had happened and went with his assistants to a point where the stream emerges into the castle meadows.

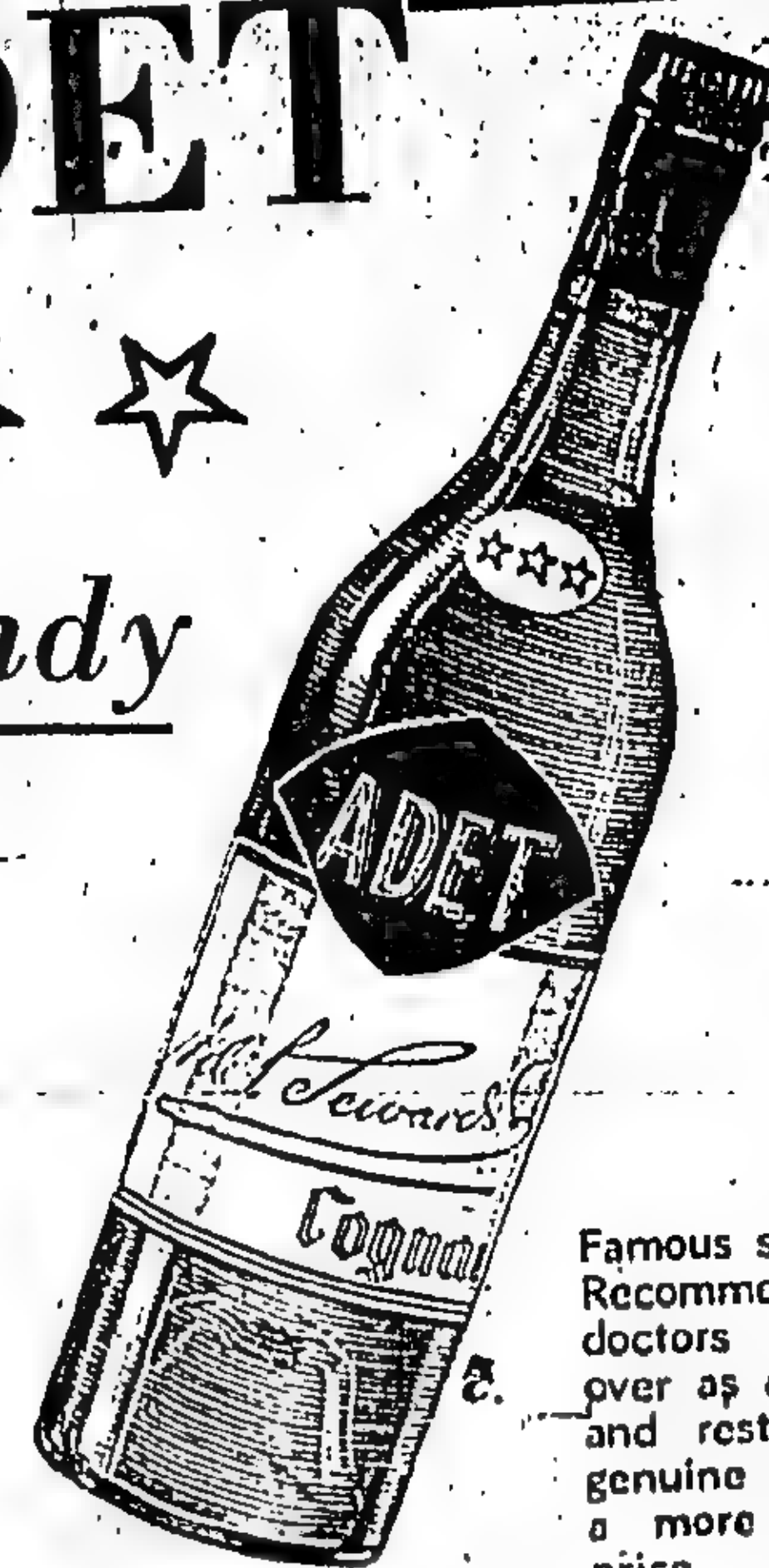
There they found Pamela, clinging to the bank and crying for her mother. She had escaped with bruises on the forehead and shock.



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What It's Like to Fly In a Bombing Plane

Air Commodore Sydney W. Smith, former Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Base at Singapore, and now commanding No. 26 Training Group, recently discussed modern Service training methods.

He is directly responsible to the Air Ministry for the elementary training of pilots and observers at 34 centres throughout the country.

"During the war," said Air Commodore Smith, "the observers of a two-seater had a comparatively easy job."

"His duties were to report and observe during flight, to take occasional photographs, do a spot of artillery observation, and, if attacked, use the Lewis gun."

VARIED DUTIES

"Since 1935, when Britain began to re-arm, we have been given aircraft of longer range and speeds in some cases showing an increase of 100 per cent."

Nowadays the duties of a bomber are so varied that a crew of five persons is required, instead of two.

"The pilot cannot leave his seat or navigate his machine—the multifarious controls of a modern bomber keep him fully occupied."

"This means a great deal of extra work for the observer. Throughout the flight he sits with a map in front of him, comparing the plane's

actual course with that originally planned. He must frequently consult his instruments and check the machine's drift."

BOMBS OR PHOTOGRAPHS

"The observer's job is to map out a route which will bring it back on to its proper course, assisted by a certain amount of co-operation from the pilot."

"The observer has several other duties aboard a R.A.F. bomber. In addition to navigation he must be an expert in bomb-aiming, aerial photography, general reconnaissance, and the art of gunnery."

"In actual warfare the bomber would carry two pilots, while the remainder of the crew, although officially designated as observers, would undertake the duties of navigator, bomber, and gunner respectively."

1,500 WANTED

So important is the work of the observer that in December the Air Ministry appealed for a further 1,500 recruits, and inquiries are being received at the rate of 1,000 a week. Candidates must be between 17½ and 25.

After five months' preliminary training they are posted to Service squadrons for complete training with rank of sergeant, pay at the rate of 12s. 6d. a day and an opportunity to qualify for commissions.



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He Saved A Girl & Walked Away

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ellen Hough, of Grenfield-street, Battersea, S.W.,—niece of Frank Hough, the boxer—does not know the man who saved her life recently.

She was on her way to work and slipped as she tried to board a Waterloo train, at Clapham Junction.

The train started, and she was dragged along between running-board and platform.

A man in the carriage pulled the communication cord and went to help her.

Because of his quickness she escaped with bruises and shock.

The rescuer went away without giving his name.

Child Dies In A.R.P. Trench

EDINBURGH.

A five-year-old girl was killed and a boy of the same age seriously injured in the collapse of an A.R.P. trench in Roseburn Park, Edinburgh, recently.

The children, Clare Jamieson and Allan Trotter, who lived next door, were buried under piles of earth and sheets of corrugated iron.

Mr. G. Stirling said that he saw the children playing near the trench and shouted to them to keep away.

"When I looked again," he said, "they had disappeared. Soon afterwards I heard screams, ran to the trench and saw they had been buried."

"I tried frantically to dig out the little girl but the weight of the earth imprisoned her."

Another girl, Marjory Milham, fell into the trench, but she managed to scramble clear.

One of the rescuers said that a large number of children were in the park at the time.

"They were laughing and shouting as they played on their way home," he said.

"Then, suddenly, the laughter changed to screams."

"Ambulance men gave oxygen to the little girl but they could not revive her."

"Divorce Mill"

RENO, Nev.

The Nevada Commission for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco has rejected the suggestion that as part of Nevada's display, a Reno "divorce mill" be installed and kept in constant operation throughout the exposition.

Stage Smiles To Hide Grief

BRAVE smiles kept back the tears of 11 small girls as they danced through a recent performance of "Cinderella" at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool.

They had come to idolise 12-year-old Joyce Morris. She was so jolly, so sweet-tempered, so helpful to them.

And now she was dead.

The curtain was about to rise when the news reached them.

Tears fell. The 11 children were not alone in their grief. Senior members of the company, too, had loved Joyce.

The tears were dried and teeth met on lips to stem their return as the call to the stage came. For, as it is written in "Pagliacci":

"The people pay thee, and want their laugh you know."

On with the show.

Joyce, who lived at Kenton (Middlesex), was appearing in her first pantomime.

Such was the promise she showed that she had been given a small speaking part.

Then she was taken ill. She failed to appear at the theatre the next day, and later was rushed to hospital.

A throat affection was diagnosed. Doctors used oxygen in a day and night fight to save her.

They failed.

"The stage has probably lost a fine artist," a theatre official said.

Ham And—Downfall

MODESTO, Cal.

Robert Funk, who was so fond of ham and eggs that, with two companions, he stole a case of eggs and was trying to catch a pig to supply the ham, when arrested, will have ham and eggs only when they happen to be on the prison menu. He was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary.



The above photograph was taken at a recent Hongkong Rifle Association Shoot.—King's Studio.

BRIDE HAD 6 WEDDING RINGS

Magdalena Naudzius, 86-year-old member of the Lithuanian colony in Ayrshire, was married at Ayrbank recently to Jonas Krusinskas, 66-year-old Lithuanian miner, of Mossblown, Ayrshire.

The bride has been married twice before, now wears six wedding rings, as it is the custom of Lithuanians to give two wedding rings at the ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted by Father Jusas Gutauskas, Lithuanian priest for Scotland.

"Smith" Was His Password

When he was fined £5 for stealing a watch and a pair of woman's shoes by means of a trick, Michael McNamee (24), labourer, of Godstone Road, Purley, told the Croydon Bench recently:

"I went into shops and asked for parcels for 'Smith.' People did not ask me whether I was 'Smith,' but just handed me parcels. I did not know what the parcels contained until I got home. I had no difficulty in the first time, and that encouraged me to try again."

Mothers Protest To Director Of Education

ANGRY mothers of 120 children, protesting recently against an order to transfer their children from one school to another, mobbed and surrounded an Education Director in a school, and he was obliged to make his exit by way of a back door.

The mothers, and the children, went to the William Crane Schools, Apsley Estate, Nottingham, and told Miss Christopher, the headmistress, that they would not allow the children to be transferred to new schools at Bilborough because this meant a 25-minute walk.

Miss Christopher invited the mothers into the school hall, said the change was inevitable, and added: "The only thing to do is to give way."

"No!" shouted the mothers, "never!"

NOISY SCENES.

Then the Director of Education, Mr. F. Stephenson, tried to address the women, but, as stated, he had to leave—not by the front door.

Though there were noisy scenes, there was no disturbance.

At another indignation meeting of parents outside the school gates a spokesman was loudly cheered when he said: "We are going to stand firm and on no account will we allow our children to be transferred to Bilborough."

The women have decided to make subscriptions to engage a solicitor to challenge the decision of the Education Committee, and a further meeting of mothers has been called for

Royal Cars Set Road Problem

If a Royal car is approaching in one direction and a fire engine from another at a speed at which it appears likely that they will collide, which driver should the constable on point duty signal to stop?

This question arises from a recent incident in London, when the Duke of Kent's car and a fire-engine narrowly missed colliding at a crossroads near Euston Station.

The drivers of Royal cars are so accustomed to having a clear road on what is known as the "Royal route" that they do not anticipate anything but all-clear signals from police on point duty.

Fire-engine drivers similarly expect to be given a clear road.

Steps are now being taken to warn all fire-engine drivers of the likelihood of Royal cars being on various routes at certain times.

Detectives Search McMahon's Home

FOUR detectives, led by Inspector Hatton, of the Special Branch at Scotland-yard, visited the Paddington home of George Andrew McMahon, who figured in the revolver incident on Constitution Hill two years ago when King Edward the Eighth was riding past.

Blood "Bank" Plan For London

The organisation of a central "blood bank" at which a group of hospitals could deposit for storage "bottled" blood given by donors for emergency transfusions is recommended by three London doctors who, during the September crisis, made preparations to conserve supplies of blood.

The doctors—Dr. C. R. Boland, senior assistant medical officer at Mill End Hospital, Dr. N. S. Craig, medical superintendent of the hospital, and Dr. A. L. Jacobs, senior assistant medical officer at the hospital—outline their suggestion in the current issue of the "Lancet."

Pointing out that reports from the Moscow Institute of Haematology, from transfusion services in the Spanish Civil War, and from Continental and American clinics, "leave little doubt that preserved blood is highly satisfactory therapeutically," the doctors describe a method of collecting and storing blood that reduces the risk of contamination to a minimum.

Of 30 transfusions of adult and placental blood which had been preserved by this method for periods up to six weeks, the doctors record that in only four cases did the patients react adversely to the treatment.

One-Eyed Hunter

Riley Skagges, trapper, doesn't believe in "bringing 'em back alive." Sixty-five years of age, blind in one eye and armed only with a .22 rifle, he brought down two mountain lions in one day and carried them into town on his back. The largest measured 7 feet 4 inches from tip to tip and weighed 160 pounds.

Film Man's Quest For Pigmies

Mr. A. L. Fisher, the photographer of Mount Everest, has begun a three-months journey along the 3,000-mile Belgian Congo River to film the country for the Liege Exhibition in May.

He flew direct to Stanleyville, and with M. Andre Cauvin, a Belgian Government representative, he will set out on a lonely trek through jungle and pigmy territory.

Mrs. Fisher said: "My husband will take 3,000ft. of film, showing wild life and the development of industry. He hopes to get shots of pigmies and big game."

"The film, part of it in colour, will be shown in England later in the year."

Adobe Houses Back

El Segundo, Cal.

Adobe, California's first building material, may prove the solution for "dear houses" for the state's indigent. Two have just been completed here as an experiment, with two apartments in each house. They were constructed by relief clients on property owned by the county and will be occupied by two families in each house at a saving of \$20 a month to the county.

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- Sha-Sha. Q.S.
- 9470—Ain't She Sweet. F.T.
- Somebody Stole My Gal. F.T. BRIAN LAWRENCE & HIS ORCH.
- 9430—Tu-Li-Tulip Time. Waltz.
- Is That The Way To Treat A Sweetheart. F.T.
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- 9475—Heart and Soul. ("Song Is Born") F.T.
- Blue Skies Are Round The Corner. F.T.
- 9471—Is That The Way To Treat A Sweetheart. F.T.
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BALANCE SWAYS BETWEEN ANARCHY AND SURRENDER

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anarchy and orderly surrender, with the balance towards the latter. Reuter.

NAVY OFF NIGERIA

London, Mar. 6. Eleven ships of the British Republic Navy sighted on Monday morning in the neighbourhood of the Nigerian coast. It is believed they were making for Oran to surrender to the French authorities. A Paris message says that the landing party in the Coup d'Etat in Madrid is ascribed less to Colonel Casado than to the moderate Socialist politician and former President of the Cortes, Senor Escalero. It is added that Casado is prevented by ill-health from playing a prominent political role. Hope is expressed that agreement will be reached between General Franco and the newly formed Council for National Defence.

MADRID NERVOUS

Great nervousness is said to prevail in Madrid as the entire population is waiting to discover whether the Coup d'Etat means a prolongation of the struggle, or an effort to conclude an agreement. A crowd numbering several thousands demonstrated to-day against ex-Premier Negrin, and in a speech, General Casado said: "We shall satisfy your demand for an honourable peace, but we ask that all parties come to an understanding among themselves in order to avoid further bloodshed. We ask for discipline. We ask Anarchists and Communists not to cling egotistically to their plans, but to think of the welfare of thousands who might otherwise be forced to flee to France or Russia."—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS

A statement on Britain's diplomatic relations with Spain was made in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that recognition of the Republican Government had been withdrawn simultaneously with the recognition of the Franco administration by the Government of Spain. Therefore, there could not be any diplomatic representations between the British Government and the Republican administration in territory not at present under General Franco's control. The British Government would take such action as was appropriate for the protection of British interests, and for humanitarian interests.—Reuter.

NO LOAN TO FRANCO

London, Mar. 6. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, speaking in the House of Commons, said that no negotiations were at present in prospect regarding a British loan to General Franco.—Reuter.

NEGRIN IN FRANCE

Toulouse, Mar. 6. Dr. Juan Negrin and M. Alvarez Del Vayo arrived here to-day aboard a Spanish civil plane, accompanied by their secretaries. Later another plane arrived with the remaining principal members of the Republican Cabinet.—Reuter.

Anti-Aircraft firing practice will be carried out from D'Agular between hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to-day.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

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Notice is hereby given that the Fiftieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 9th March, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1938 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25th February to 9th March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1939.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 27th March, 1939, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 10th to 27th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. G. T. BECK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

G. R.

HONG KONG EVENING INSTITUTE

The Evening Institute will reopen on Monday, 13th March, 1939.

Entry Forms may be obtained at the Education Office, New Fire Station Building, or at the Trade School, Wantaal.

J. RALSTON,
Director.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTYTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 11th March, 1939, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1939.

LETTERS

An Appreciation

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—May I through your columns pay a tribute of appreciation to a man of talent about to leave this colony. He is Mr. L. A. J. Lafford, who has for some years been organist of St. John's Cathedral. Mr. Lafford has strenuously attempted to erect a musical culture in Hongkong and he has probably achieved more in this line than anyone hitherto. One hazards that should he stay in Hongkong the future years would see a young but definitely individual musical tradition in existence. He is a man of strong organising powers, and has repeatedly shown his ability to collect the scattered talent of the Colony and manipulate it towards the furtherance of an artistic ideal. He achieves his ends by tact, courtesy, social charm coupled with a very real, brilliant but self-effacing talent. Hongkong will be poorer for his absence, and the fact that he has decided against staying here will be lamented by a large body of musicians, and also by all that have the best interests of the Colony at heart. Tsi Tu ALR.

PROPOSAL REVIVED BY SENATE

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and a base for the Asiatic fleet when the United States withdrew from the Philippines in 1946.

Admiral Leahy at the same time protested that opposition to the plan was generally based on the erroneous assumption that a strong fortress would be present in the envisaged. As hitherto outlined, the plan entails building a new breakwater improvement, and facilities for handling aeroplanes.

The programme is before the Senate in a \$55,000,000 Bill to authorise improvements of naval and aviation facilities at a group of mid-Pacific islands. This Bill is similar to the \$47,000,000 air base Bill recently passed by the House with the elimination of authority to develop Guam.—Reuter.

6,000 ARMY PLANES

Washington, Mar. 6. The Senate to-day approved the proposal to increase to army air corps strength to 6,000 aeroplanes. The House of Representatives had previously approved a limit of 5,500 planes.—Reuter.

MAHATMA WEAKER

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Secretary for India on the circumstances in which Mr. Gandhi began his fast which has already lasted three days on the question of reforms in Rajkot.

Colonel Muthhead said on March 2, Mr. Gandhi sent an ultimatum to the ruler of Rajkot State suggesting that he should set up a committee to recommend a scheme of constitutional advance in the state. The committee was to consist of four members chosen by the ruler and five members including the chairman named by Mr. Gandhi. Three Officers of State to be appointed as advisers to the committee without the right to vote.

The committee was to start work on March 7, and report by March 22. Its recommendations were to be put into force within seven days, subject to their examination by Mr. Gandhi or Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel. Mr. Gandhi undertook to allow nothing to remain in these recommendations which would affect the prestige of the ruler, his State or his subjects. Mr. Gandhi also stated that all political prisoners must be released, and all fines for political offences remitted. Failing acceptance of these suggestions, Mr. Gandhi threatened

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai 160
T.T. Singapore 105 1/2
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T.T. Australia 1/6 1/2

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4 m/s D/p do 1/3.1/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A. 20 1/2
4 m/s France 83 1/2
30 d/s India 4.08 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon. 4.08 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks 1,400/10 sa.
H.K. Banks Lon. E. 07 n.
Chartered 27 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & C. 13 n.
Overland 88 n.
East Asia 88 n.

INSURANCES
Canton 221 sa.
Union 480 sa.
China Underwriters etc. 185 b.
H.K. Fire 185 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas 07 1/2 n.
Steamboats 15 n.
Indo-China, P. S. 60 n.
Indo-China, D.S. 24 n.
Shell Bearer s/- 00/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats 9 n.

DOCKS & SHEDS
Wharves 110 b. and sa.
Docks (old) 17 1/2 b.
Docks (new) 16 1/2 b.
Providents (old) 0.45 n.
Providents (new) 0.30 n.
New Eng. Sh. S. 0.60 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh. S. 0.00 1/2 n.

Mining
Kailan s/- 17/6 n.
Rauha 8.25 n.
Venz. Goldfield 3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc. 5 n.
Antamoks Ps. 45 sa.
Atoks Ps. 35 1/2 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. 13.80 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps. 15 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. 45 sa.
Con. Mines Ps. 0.05 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. 14 sa.
I.X.L. Ps. 60 sa.
Gumaus Ps. 15 sa.
San Maurice Ps. 2.05 sa.
Suyoc Consul Ps. 12 1/2 sa.
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Peak Trams (new) 8 n.
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Y. Ferries (old) 23 1/2 b.
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Macao Electric s/- 18 n.
Sandakan Lights 10.40 b.
Telephones (old) 23 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) 7.72 n.
Traction (Prof.) 24/- n.
Traction s/- 24/- n.

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Cald. Macg. (Pr.) Sh. S. 13 n.
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H.K. Rope 4 b.

EXPORTS, &c.
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Lane Crawford s/- 8 n.
Sinceres 1 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) 41 1/2 b.
Powell, Ltd. etc. 90 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. S. 18.20 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. S. 104 n.
Zoong Sings Sh. S. 24 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. S. 42 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainment s/- 7 b.
Constructions 1 1/2 n.
Vibro Piling 6 1/2 b.
G.S. Bond 60 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3% p.m. b. n.
H. Loan 3 1/2% par. n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/- 15/8 sa.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 4/7 n.

British Official's Visit To Germany

London, Mar. 6. Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the recent visit to Germany of Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin, Mr. R. A. Butler said that he went there to renew personal contacts with German officials, and to exchange views with them on the general economic situation.

No proposals relating to the former German colonies, or the limitation of armaments were discussed.—Reuter.

to fast. The ruler rejected this ultimatum and Mr. Gandhi began to fast on March 3. The ruler has denied he has broken any of his undertakings in connection with the appointment of a reforms committee, and the crown representative did not consider a case to the contrary had been made out.—British Wireless.

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THE HONGKONG DOG Show will be held in St. John's Place on Sunday March 19, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor. Here is one of the entries.

Dogs and Cats Entered For Colony Prize Show

ALTHOUGH entries for Hongkong's Dog Show to be held at St. John's Place on March 19 closed at noon to-day, the full list of entrants will not be known until to-morrow, as some may still be in the post.

So far, over 100 dogs and about 12 cats have been entered, while possibly there will be three litters of puppies exhibited. Some of these puppies will be for sale after the Show. Among the dogs entered are Air-dales, Great Danes, Pekinese, Chows, Samoyeds, St. Bernards, Cocker Spaniels, Aislatans, Tibetans, Afghan Hounds, Collies and Terriers.

Challenge cups have been presented by a number of firms in the Colony, and a great number of handsome silver trophies have been presented by individuals.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Halong and Hoihow	Kanchow	March 7.
Shanghai	Patroclus	March 7.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	March 7.
Straits	Van Heutsz	March 7.
Halong	Canton	March 8.
Japan	Ginyo Maru	March 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 1st March		
Japan	Imperial Airways Plane	March 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kutsang	March 8.
Straits	Shantung	March 8.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tantalus	March 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Tainan	March 8.
Rahaul	Yuenang	March 8.
Manila	Fraserburg	March 9.
Japan	Naruto Maru	March 9.
Japan	Rheinland	March 9.
Japan and Amoy	Scharnhorst	March 9.
Shanghai	Taima	March 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 18th February)	Conto Rosso	March 10.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)—London date, 9th February		
Manila	Emp. of Japan	March 10.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Hokozaki Maru	March 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 1st March	Hulda Maersk	March 10.
Manila and Manila	Kasima Maru	March 10.
Pan American Airways Plane		
Manila	Pan American Airways Plane	March 10.
Australia and Manila	Pra. Cleveland	March 10.
	Taiiping	March 10.

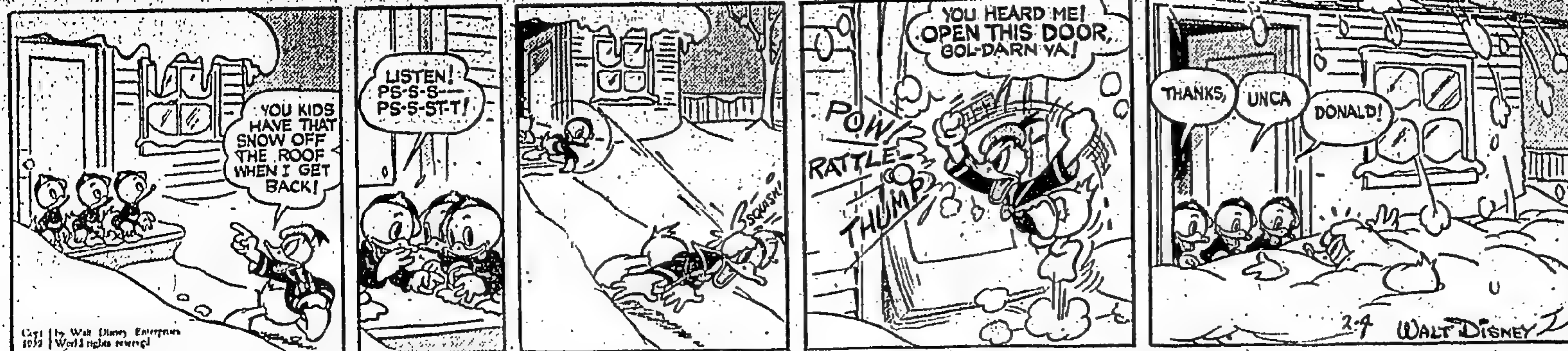
OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Fort Bayard	Klungchow	Tues., Mar. 7, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Hulda	Tues., Mar. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Kungang	Tues., Mar. 7, 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Japan	Patroclus	Tues., Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits, Penang, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Marselles and London—due London, 12th April	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Tues., Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Central and S. America via Vancouver B.C. and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada) due Vancouver B.C. 25th March and Europe (except Great Britain and Elro) via Siberia.	Emp. of Russia	Tues., Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Amoy	Tjialok	Wed., Mar. 8, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Esang	Wed., Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Salong and Bangkok	Kwelyang	Wed., Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Chuanchow	Hainching	Wed., Mar. 8, 2 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Kanchow	Thurs., Mar. 8, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tainan	Thurs., Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.
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New Yangtse Protest

Germans Collaborate With Other Nationals

CHUNGKING, Mar. 7. BRITISH, Italian, German and Portuguese shipping companies in Shanghai have requested their respective consulates-general to lodge fresh protests with the Japanese Government over the stringent control over navigation along the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, according to Shanghai dispatch.

On the pretext of military operations in north Kiangsu, the Japanese have blockaded all harbours with the exception of Tsinglungang in Haimen, Tientsinkang in Nantungsheng, Hainan in Fukien, Tientsinkang in Yangchow, and three others. Shipping of third Parties has been greatly affected.—Central News.

Queen Victoria Of China

London, Mar. 6. "Madame Chiang Kai-shek means to China to-day what Queen Victoria meant to Great Britain," declared Mr. G. W. Shepherd, confidential adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of a tribute to the splendid work the Chinese women were doing for their country. Mr. Shepherd, who is spending a short time in London on route to New York, from where he will return to China, expressed the belief that the war in China will continue for at least another three years, and would not end in the defeat of China. The mistake Japan had made since the beginning of the conflict was that she had not taken into account the new spirit in China. China's greatest need to-day was medicines, and this would become even greater during the next three years.—Reuter.

PALESTINE TALKS

Objections To British Proposals

London, Mar. 6. THE BRITISH and Arab delegations held a lengthy meeting this morning when they continued discussion of the British proposals, and the Arab objections to them. The meeting will be continued to-morrow.

To-day's meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed until to-morrow. "Reuter" was informed in authoritative Jewish quarters that this afternoon's meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed because it was thought that to-night's informal meeting with the British Government delegates might make it clear whether or not the British suggestions were liable to modification.

If they are so liable, then to-morrow's meeting of the committee is expected to discuss the counter-proposals to be put forward by the Jewish delegates.

THE THREE foremost Palestine members of the Jewish delegation, namely, Benzvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council in Palestine, Mossinson, Education Director of the Council, and Suprasky, called on Mr. Malcolm MacDonald at 4 o'clock to-day.

It is understood they said farewell as they are leaving for Palestine this week. Arab circles in London profess to be mystified by the news from Egypt of an approach to the Mufti to obtain his consent to the revised proposals. It is stated that the initiative for such a move has not come from the Arab-delegates in London, and that a cablegram from the Mufti this morning did not refer to any such proposal.

The meeting with the Arab committee this morning dealt with the British proposals and the Arab counter-proposals. The Arab delegates described progress as slow. They declined to admit they were satisfied with the position, but agreed that they were not dissatisfied.—Reuter.

Holocaust In Ninghsia

Indiscriminate Bombing Of Capital

Lanchow, Mar. 7. EXTENDING THEIR bombing operations to far-flung Ninghsia, 15 Japanese planes, flying from Suiyuan, staged a terrific air raid over Ninghsia, the provincial capital, yesterday. A large number of bombs were dumped indiscriminately in the outskirts of the city. Investigation of the losses sustained, which are believed to be considerable, is still proceeding.

After the attack, the Japanese raiders flew away in a southeasterly direction passing over northern Shensi.

Yenan, in northern Shensi, and Hancheng, in east Shensi on the Yellow River bank, were also bombed by Japanese planes yesterday. Scores of missiles were rained in the suburbs of Yenan and seven outside Hancheng.—Central News.

King Leopold Orders General Election

Brussels, Mar. 6. King Leopold of the Belgians to-day signed a decree dissolving Parliament, and a General Election will be held on April 2.

It is announced that King Leopold has not accepted the resignation of M. Pierlot, and his Cabinet will thus remain in office until the election.—Reuter.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club second eleven in their match with the University on the latter's ground at 5 p.m. to-day: A. C. Howell, J. E. Henry, L. F. Nicholson (captain), R. R. Todd, L. A. R. Duncan, Rev. N. Evans, A. R. Botelho, W. A. Nowers, R. R. Valentine, H. V. Parker, and T. J. Price.

The "A" team to meet the Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 5 p.m. on Friday will consist of: R. W. Saper, E. R. Robinson, F. E. Howell, G. Howell, L. A. R. Duncan, A. J. Ashby, F. E. G. Munn, A. R. Botelho, H. V. Parker, T. J. Price (Captain) and Ross.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 7, 1889. The President in his annual inaugural message to Congress on assuming office protests against foreign domination and sustains American rights in Samoa. He is in favour of an increase in the duty of sugar so that it is the duty of Congress to adjust the protection tariff.

The Daily News in view of Bismarck's speech on the African question, wants to know what is the price of Bismarck's friendship, and in regard to Samoa, what further sacrifice of national dignity England is to make.

25 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1914. Bombardier Wells beat Badsman Blake in the fourth round of a contest for the heavyweight of Great Britain.

The campaign against projecting halpins in Berlin, which has been carried on for some time by the German police authorities, is now being taken up by the railways. In the Breslau district the authorities have posted notices to the effect that the wearing of hat pins with unprotected points is forbidden in railway stations and in trains, and that offenders can be refused railway tickets and are liable to fines up to the amount of £5.

10 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1929. Extensive repairs have been found necessary at Government House, following an inspection of the hall room roof. The work is already in hand, thus rendering Government House temporarily unsuitable for entertaining purposes on a large scale.

The streets of the city are adorned with flags and bunting and crowds of visitors are pouring in to celebrate the inauguration of the new President and vice-President on Monday.

President Hoover, along with Mr. Hoover will ride, in lined from Capitol Hill to the White House with gaily decorated stands to hold the spectators.

5 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1934. Talented demonstrations in all forms of dancing featured yesterday's display by the pupils of the Montgomery O'Keefe school of dancing at the King's Theatre.

Solo work was particularly commendable, and in this respect Miss Betty Pestonji, with her Spanish dances, "Jota Aragonesa" and "Fandangillo de Almeria" earned outstanding honours. Mr. "Gus" D'Aquino sang the refrain in "Jota Aragonesa" which helped to make this a charming study. In the opening number Miss Gloria Yee gave a clever solo number, and Yvonne Martin and Joan Ferguson were also seen in excellent interpretations. Miss Pat Anslow's Hungarian Dance was thoroughly enjoyed, the difficult steps being displayed with rare accomplishment. The "Midnighters" in which the senior pupils, together with Miss O'Keefe performed a splendid tap dance, was warmly received and an encore insisted upon. The clever work of the quartette, the Misses O'Keefe, B. Pestonji, G. Yee and Norah Kew, was especially attractive.

Their Majesties' Visit To Canada

London, Mar. 6. Their Majesties' departure for Canada, originally arranged for May 8, has been altered to May 6 in view of the possibility of their arrival in Quebec being delayed by weather conditions. Their arrival in Quebec will be May 15, as scheduled in the first place.—Reuter.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

The firmness noticeable at the end of last week is being maintained. The recent declaration of increases in the dividend distributions by some of the Local Companies appear to be bearing fruit, resulting in enquiries now spreading over a wider selection.

Buyers
 Hongkong Bank \$1,300
 Canton Insurance \$220
 11% Fire Insurance \$4.55
 Waverley \$118
 Ducks (Old) \$17 1/2
 Ducks (New) \$18 1/2
 Rauba \$8 1/2
 11% Land \$30.00
 11% Treas. \$2.20
 H.K. Tramways \$10.00
 Yau-mat Ferry (Old) \$23 1/2
 China Lights (Old) \$5.75
 H.K. Electric \$25.00
 Sandakan Light \$10.40
 Canton Ice \$1
 Cement \$13.20
 H.K. Ropes \$4.10
 Watsons \$7.00
 Wing On (H.K.) \$4 1/2
 Enterprisers \$7
 Vitro Piling \$5 1/2
 H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% pm.
 H.K. Govt. Loan 4% pm.
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Sellers
 H.K. Tramways \$17.20
 Sales \$15.00
 Hongkong Bank \$1,410
 Canton Insurance \$221
 Waverley \$118
 H. & S. Lights (Old) \$5.75
 Dairy Farm \$20 1/2
 Watsons \$7.00
 Antanaka Pk. \$5
 Atoka \$5 1/2
 Baglio \$27
 Beaufort Consolidated 13.00
 Coco Grove \$5
 Consolidated Mines .003
 Deacons \$4
 I. K. L. \$5
 Paracel Gunmau \$5
 Paracel Gunmau \$5
 Suiyok 2 1/2
 United Paracel .05

ONE-EYED SAM

(Continued from Page 6.)

and some-one thought to mention One-Eyed Sam.

He was by no means unknown in police circles, having half-a-dozen or so convictions to his debit. Officialdom was inclined to suspect my friend of a further escapade, but I indignantly flouted the idea. How could such an old and infirm fellow perform such perilous gymnastics? But my confidence was fast waning.

THE END was not yet. Some twelve months later I spied the old fraud again in the neighbourhood.

With the temerity of the practised old hand he—evidently supposing me to be even more dreamy-eyed than he—was inclined to suspect my friend of a further escapade, but I indignantly flouted the idea. How could such an old and infirm fellow perform such perilous gymnastics? But my confidence was fast waning.

I eyed him and asked where my \$10 was. Sam turned not a hair, nor did his expression change; he merely spluttered an indignant denial and made off—at no infirm gait, by the way.

Is this the finale? At all events I am convinced—nearly—at the inability of indiscriminate surrender to the incessant cry of "Cumshaw, cumshaw!"

Calcutta Rioting

Calcutta, Mar. 6. One hundred and thirty persons were taken to hospital following an outbreak of communal rioting in a cotton mill area, 14 miles from Calcutta to-day. The police dispersed the crowd and made 17 arrests.—Reuter.

Cantoni Killed

Milan, Mar. 6. The 27 year-old racing car driver, Signor Renzo Cantoni, was accidentally killed to-day while carrying out a trial run with a Maserati car on the Monza racing track.—Trans-Ocean.

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Piano Recital from Studio By Luba Shaffain

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Compositions of Darius.

Brigg Fair... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Geoffrey Toye; To The Queen Of My Heart; Love's Philosophy... Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano); "Hassan" (Incidental Music)... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham; Capriccio Elegico; Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Orchestra.

1.00 Time and Weather.
 1.03 At Bollington at the Organ.
 "Roselle" Selection (Solo Porter); Once In A While (Green-Edwards); Irving Berlin Memories.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.
 Fox-Trot—My Sweetie Went Away; Handel in Harlem... Scott Wood and His Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus; Slow Fox-Trot—Blazin' The Trail... Billy Cotton and His Band with Vocal Chorus.
 1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker, Rotarian Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith. Subject: "After Twenty-Seven Years."

2.15 Close Down.
 6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
 (a) Sweet and Slow; (b) Coffee and Kisses; (c) Lovelight in the Starlight; (d) Swingin' Annie Laurie.
 6.14 Record: The A.B.C. March

Foot and Ferring; Leap Smiling (Reginald Foot's Signature Tune); Reginald Foot at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.

6.21 (a) To-night we love; (b) Shroton; (c) My own; (d) Bel Mir Blat Du Schoen.

6.33 Records: In The Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill); I've Got You Under My Skin (film 'Born to Dance'); Peter York (Piano); Swing, Mister Charlie (Taylor, Brooks); Judy Garland (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Sweet as a Song; (b) Swing low Sweet Chariot; (c) Now it can be told; (d) My walking stick.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 B.B.C. Recording—"Victorian Melodies."

A Musical Sequence, Produced and conducted by Stanford Robinson. 8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 London Relay—"Royal Palace."

8.04 Buckingham Palace: Written by L. Du Gard Peach. Produced by H. Rooney Pelletier.

8.30 Studio—Luba Shaffain (Piano) playing "Kreisleriana" by Schumann. 8.55 Schumann—Trio in D Minor, Op. 63. Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 J. H. Squire Celeste Oetel. Operatic (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. J. H. Squire). 10.00 London Relay—"Sweet Serenade."

A pot-pourri of romantic tunes played by The Seven Serenaders and sung by Eileen Vaughan and the Three Nomads.

10.30 Compositions of Haydn. Overture in D Major... Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts cond. by Edward Feller; Symphony No. 102 in B Flat Major... Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

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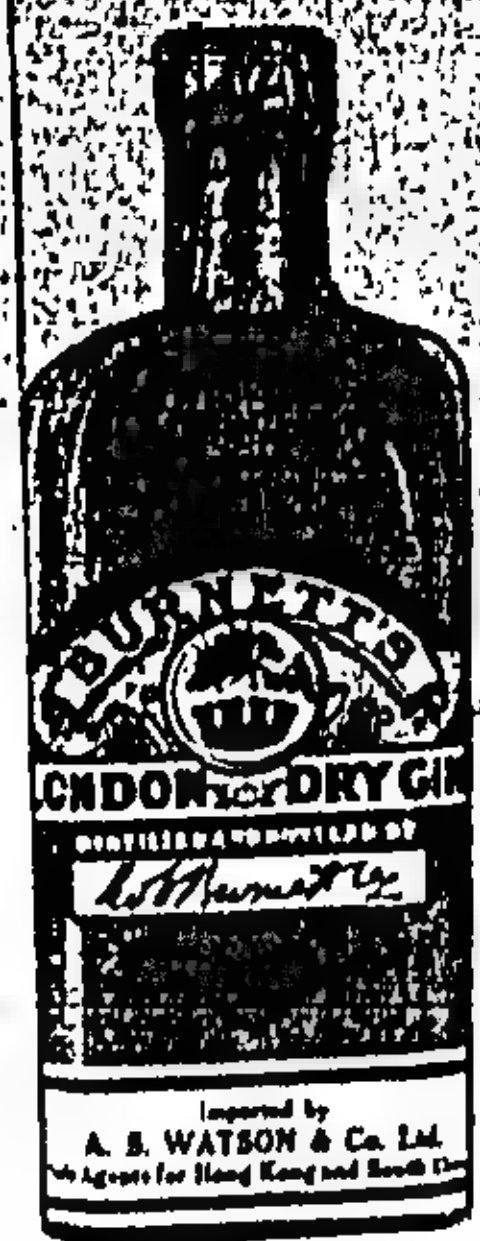
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HONGKONG, by an accident of
geography, is peculiarly vul-
nerable from the air, and the
wisdom of the present methods of
dealing with defence from air at-
tack is seriously open to question.

An exhibition which is to open
at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow
will not lessen the anxiety that has
been simmering in the public
mind. Experience in a city
less than a hundred miles away
from this Colony has shown that in
thickly populated areas deep shel-
ters are the only certain defence
against bombs. Where deep shel-
ters are not used, as in China,
casualties have been heavy. In
Spain, and particularly Barcelona,
where subterranean shelters were
constructed, casualties were re-
duced to almost nil and the danger
of panic was eliminated.

Hongkong's geographical position
makes this Colony the most vul-
nerable part of the British Empire
in the event of war in the Pacific
involving Britain. But our topo-
graphy makes it possible for us to
purchase comparative immunity for
almost the entire population at a
fraction of the cost to cities which
have no hills into which tunnels
can be burrowed.

Hongkong has been too near
to aerial warfare to delude itself
that the existing Air Raid precau-
tions are by any means adequate.
We have seen a succession of vast
and intensive air bombardments
shocking and devastating in their
effect less than a hundred miles
from our own city; we have had
living men and women torn and
mangled even in our own territory.
Our weakness lies in our un-
educated population, and our
enemy's advantage will surely lie
in attempting to smash the morale
of those people. Only one thing
can prevent any threat to that morale
and that is the knowledge by the
masses that real security lies in our
Colony.

Given that deep shelters can
give it, shallow makeshifts certainly
cannot—there is no reason why
Hongkong should not be as safe as
cities a thousand miles further from
the scene of conflict. Besides,
common humanity and the need to
protect even our humblest citizen
from unnecessary shock and suffer-
ing dictate that we should adopt the
most effective method of defence.

The Only Way

FOR THE thickly populated, vul-
nerable areas the deep shelter is
the only safe defence. In Hongkong
we are fortunate that we can dig
horizontally into mountain-sides in-
stead of vertically into the bowels
of the earth for shelter.

Government is calling for thou-
sands of volunteers to man the vari-
ous passive defence forces that are
being formed in this Colony. Volun-
teers should demand, as a *quid pro quo*,
that Government seriously take into
hand this question of tunnels. In
order to give safeguards for women
and children that all the auxiliary
fire-fighters, decontamination squads,
auxiliary nurses and other voluntary
organisations will not be able to pro-
vide.

"BETTER ABAN-
DON Hongkong
forthwith than
have it continue to be a
liability to the British
Crown."

These are strange words
to-day, but less than ninety
years ago they were the
war-cry of a militant group
in England who were deter-

mined to force public
opinion to realise that this
was the only rational course.

They even carried their agita-
tion to Parliament, and the
House of Commons in the early
part of the year 1847 was seri-
ously invited to consider the
abandonment of the island, be-
cause it was causing positive in-
jury to Britain.

The agitation voiced by the
anti-Hongkong group was echoed
by the efforts of song-writers,
who brought into existence a
number of ribald airs lampoon-
ing "the barren rock 'way out in
China," predicting that if
Hongkong were not abandoned,
then Heaven would see to it that
it turned out to be of no earthly
advantage to the possessor.

One of these ditties, strange-
ly enough, was written by a
pirate convict in Victoria Gaol.
Sung to the tune of "Hail Colum-
bia," it had as its chorus the
following malediction:

"Some day 'praps earthquakes
her foundation
Will shake to its deep base in
the sea
A blessing 'twill be to each
nation
When she's crush'd to all
Eternity."

IT SEEMS absurd to modern
readers that there were so
many people so rabidly opposed
to possession of the Colony.

However, that was apparently
the normal state in the late
'forties and early 'fifties, and
some of those afflicted with
"Hongkongphobia" attained for
a time considerable notoriety
and a large following.

Imagine some one nowadays
making a statement such as this
anent the Colony in which we
live:

"I have devoted twenty years
of my life to the investigation of
the Colonies of England," said
Mr. Robert Montgomery Martin,
H. M. Treasurer for the Colonial
and Consular Service in China,
speaking in March 1847 to the
Parliamentary Committee of the
House of Commons. "An
examination of Hongkong in its
most favourable aspect, induces
me to entertain the opinion...
that Hongkong will never be-
come a commercial depot; that
it is unsuitable for a Colony by
reason of its rocky site and bar-
ren structure, and incapable of
producing food for one day for
its inhabitants;... and from
every point of view I consider
the selection of Hongkong as the
most unfortunate step that has
been taken with regard to our
position in China. The occupa-
tion of such a wretched spot has

brought great discredit upon
us."

THOSE IN favour of retaining
the island as a Colony were
accustomed to quote the words
of Sir John Francis Davis, the
second Governor of Hongkong,
who said: "Mark my words,
gentlemen, Hongkong will some
day be the Carthage of the
East."

The Colony's enemies at
Home, however, gave these pro-
phetic words the veritable
"horae-laugh," and guffawed in
reply:

"Of course, Sir John Davis is
an old China hand... he's been
out in the East so long that the
tropical sun... has affected his
head. He ought to know
better... in any case, it is
impossible to raise revenue from
such a place."

"The endeavour to squeeze as
much as possible out of a poor
struggling settlement neces-
sarily causes irritation."

"How is one going to raise a
revenue when there is not one
respectable Chinese inhabitant
in the island, and never has
been? Indeed, no respectable
Chinese will live at Hongkong."

IN ORDER to force the issue,
the clique of malcontents in
England, who were determined
that the Government should be
made to rectify its "mistake" in
regard to the selection of Hong-
kong, would quote statements
from those who had been out
here when the Colony was
founded, and they singled out
the climate to prove their case.

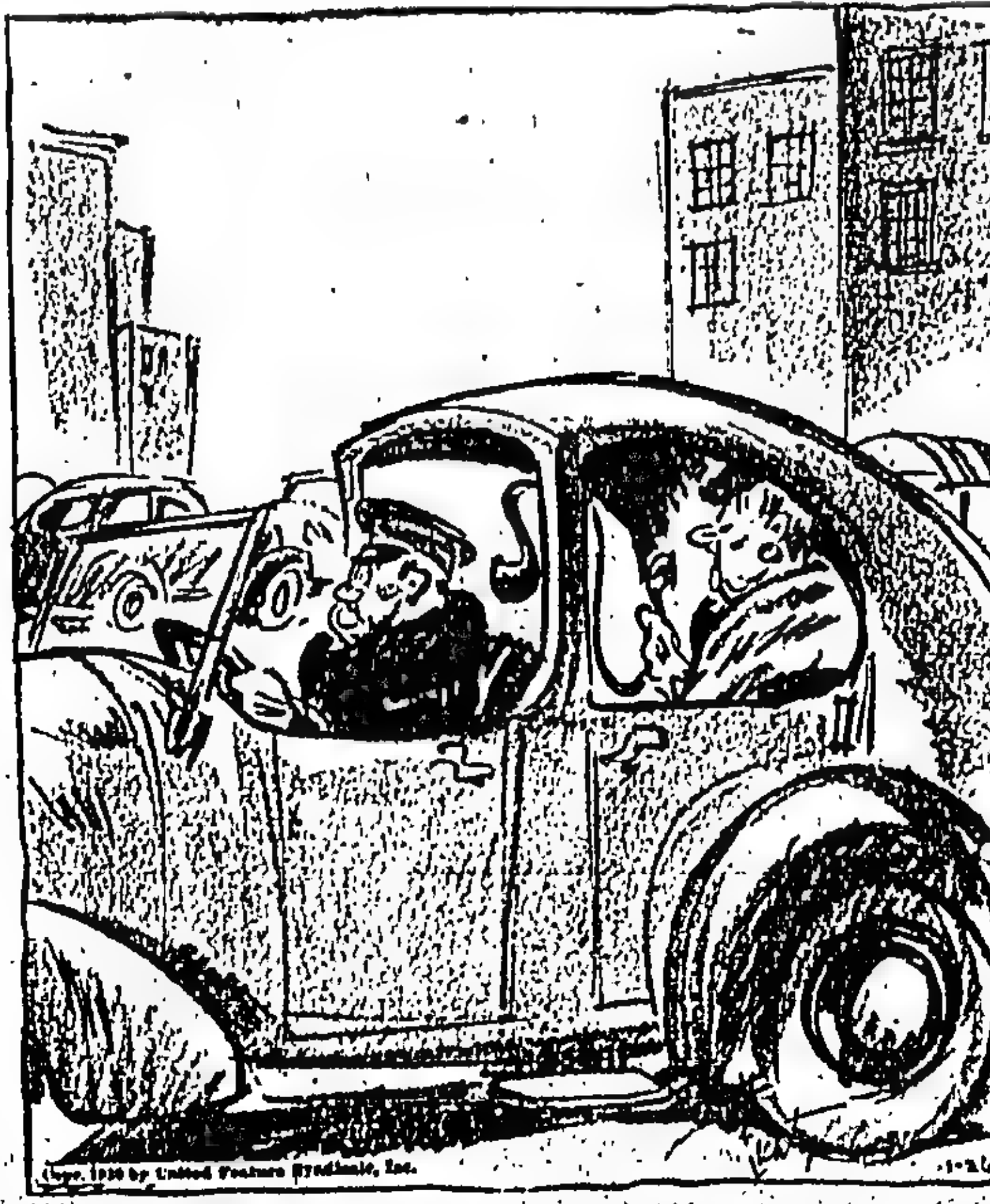
The following is a description
of the rainy season of Hong-
kong, taken from the pen of a
man who left the Colony in
1844:

"... towards the end of
May, and throughout June, July,
and August, and part of Sep-
tember, the rain descends in tor-
rents, with a force of contin-
ance, such as is never seen in
India, Africa, Australasia, or
any other part of the world."

"The clouds pour down one
vast sheet of water, washing
away hills and rocks, surround-
ing the island with deep ravines,
and saturating the soft, porous,
putrescent strata, to the extent
of many feet, with daily renewed
moisture."

"In the intervals of rain, a
nearly vertical sun acts with an
intense evaporative power, and
a noxious steam or vapour arises
from the fetid soil, yielding
gases of a most sickly and de-
leterious nature."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Testing, 1-2-3, testing, 1-2-3."

"These morbid gases do not
arise from vegetable or animal
decomposition, as the island does
not possess the one or the other."

"But decomposed mineral
substances yield an aeriform
poison, under some circum-
stances of a more deadly nature
than those produced by either
of the other kingdoms of nature."

"This gas does not rise more
than a few feet from the earth;
it slowly mingles with the sur-
rounding atmosphere, and, when
not causing immediate illness,
produces a depressing effect on
mind and body, which under-
mines and destroys the strong-
est constitution."

THE REPORT of the Surveyor-
General to the Home Govern-
ment on August 25, 1843 was
likewise held up as eloquent tes-
timony to the effect that Hong-
kong as a Colony was a dis-
astrous experiment.

This official was quoted as
saying: "The number of inter-
ments has been so great (in the
European graveyard at Wan-
chai, which was abandoned in
the 'sixties) that the enclosure
is almost full, and the hill be-
hind it so rocky that it is im-
possible to dig into it, therefore
ere long it will be necessary to
provide another place. But it
will be difficult to select another
cemetery, on account of the
rocky and uneven nature of the
island."

"SEE," chortled the dis-
gruntled element in obvi-
ous glee, "if they can't find an-
other spot to bury in, would it
not be the best thing for Gov-
ernment to adopt our policy—
and abandon the blessed place
lock, stock, and barrel."

"Besides," they added, as they
solemnly shook their heads, "the
destruction of life since our
occupation of Hongkong has
been so enormous."

"Last year (1843) the deaths
among the troops in the island

amounted to 1,100. In 1844, after
Majesty's 98th Regiment left at
Hongkong, in 21 months, 267
men by death."

"But in this and other regi-
ments, it is not merely the deaths
which indicate disease and a per-
nicious climate: it is the great
number of men invalided, and
constantly unfit for duty. One
half the men of a company are
frequently unable to attend
parade; out of 100 men there are

sometimes not more than five or
six fit for duty."

AS IF NOT content with this
damning summary of Hong-
kong, its enemies sought to
paint a further picture of the
local climate. Said an ex-army
officer during the 'forties:

"Military and naval men who
have served in Africa and India
feel the effects of the sun in
Hongkong in a manner never be-
fore experienced."

"Even at Macao, only 40 miles
west of Hongkong, Europeans
may walk about the whole day
in the month of July, when to
do so at Hongkong would be at-
tended with almost certain
death..."

"The Chinese deem it a dan-
gerous experiment to prolong
their abode in the island beyond
a certain time. They have ever
viewed Hongkong as injurious
to health and fatal to life."

"The Europeans who survive
a brief residence in this climate,
generally get a lassitude of
frame, and an irritability of
fibre, which destroys the spring
of existence. A malign in-
fluence operates on the system
in a most distressing manner,
which is not removed by a re-
turn to Europe; on the contrary,
the sufferers frequently die in
England soon after their arri-
val."

FATE, however, decreed that
the Colony which was once
so widely and thoroughly
maligned should be retained as a
British possession, and that the
quondam straggling settlement
of Victoria, built along Queen's
Road, should expand, and be-
come the vast city that it is to-
day, thereby fulfilling the ardent
hopes of its founders, who so
fervently declared that "some
day, Hongkong would contain a
population equal to that of an-
cient Rome, and, moreover,
would be the Tyre of the Far
East."

T. Paul Gregory

ONE-EYED SAM

By
N. B. W.

I SWALLOWED the bait—
hook, line and sinker.

Our initial encounter occurred
when exercising a yapping
terrier on the waste ground
backing the flats.

There he was, splashing about
bare-footed in the dirty puddled
mire, scantily clad, blue with
cold (and misery in the drizzling,
icy rain of a Hongkong February at
its worst, the blustering wind which
sweeps that dreary, seemingly en-
dless, road searching into every
crevice of even my comparatively
well-clothed anatomy.

One bleary eye regarded me with
what I took to be anxious entreaty;
the other was roughly swathed in
filthy cotton, his fleshless paw grasp-
ing a bottle of lotion.

A greying, bent old figure, he told
me in almost faultless English, that
he had been a tailor, that falling
eyesight had lost him his job, and
could I do this or could I do that?

I did that, whereby I seemed to
have provided myself with a pen-
sioner—but not for life as things
turned out.

SAM MADE it his business to dis-
cover the hours of my going-
out and my coming-in, and stationed
himself at the entrance to the flats.

And ten cents became his daily
portion.

It was (unworthily but naturally)
some comfort to me later on that his
damaged eye was really a genuine
affliction.

I sent him to hospital, whence he
returned cleanly and expertly band-
aged and hugging a new bottle of
medicament.

Where he lived between the haunt-
ing of my doorstep I had no idea.
The first inkling of things being
rather other than they seemed hap-
pened one day when I caught sight
of Sam (on the other side of the
Harbour) in much better trim and
in animated, not to say belligerent
conversation with a mob of not too
prepossessing-looking individuals—
not of the coolie or beggar type, and
difficult to place. However, my per-
ceptive faculties being still dormant,
I procured through a kindly-hearted
Chinese medical friend a letter of
admission to an efficiently adminis-
tered hospital—love's labour lost, as
will appear.

SAM'S excellent English, coupled
with his general demeanour,
even in his pitiable and insufficient
rags, seemed to point to possibilities
for redemption from his apparent
woes.

At the time needing a house-coolie
I pondered upon the feasibility of
creating for one at least a far, far
better world, crassly giving no
thought to what might be Sam's own
ideas of aggrandisement.

Eventually I took him upstairs,
showed him round (sleeping quar-
ters, etc.) and foolishly disregarded
the scowls of the already existing
domestic.

Given \$10, he was shoosed out to
get a bath "chop-chop" and decently
fit himself out.

No doubt the sequel has been fore-
seen. Sam levanted. Wonder at
the mentality which could spurn de-
cent security in favour of a squalid
and miserable semi-existence was
mingled with despondency at my
failure in "playing God" and the
breakdown of my fancied talent in
the deviation of character.

And I could but smile ruefully at
the "Of course!" and the "I told you
so!" attitudes of my obviously, more
discerning friends.

A SERIES of small-hour burglaries
incensed the occupants of the
block, secretly a tenant who had not
suffered.

It was patent that the intruder
entered via the flat roof, a tour of
inspection revealing, neatly stowed
away beneath the water-tanks, an
admirably complete equipment of
good, stout ship's roping, a comfort-
able, well-made swing, a nest—all
ships' paraphernalia was handed
over to the police—the nightly
visitations continued.

A further tour unearthed a fully
replaced apparatus. Probably secreted
during the day to be called for
at night.

Officials questioned the tenants.
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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

PO LEUNG KUK

Additional Government Grant Approved

Reference to the increase in the number of women and children detained at the Po Leung Kuk this year was made by the Chairman, Mr. Chan Kam-po, when a visit was made to the Institution by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, yesterday.

Sir Geoffrey was accompanied by Lady Northcote, while other ladies in the party included Mrs. W. J. Carrie, Mrs. S. W. Tso, Mrs. M. K. Lo and Miss P. Harrop.

After refreshments had been served in the main hall, Mr. Chan said in part:

The number of women and children detained has suddenly increased this year, there being about 200 inmates every day, and consequently our expenses have been heavy. Fortunately at a request made through the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, His Excellency has approved the special grant to us of \$10,000 in addition to the original Government subsidy, and has promised that a further grant will be considered if there should be any deficit. The women and children under protection here have benefited by this kind act of His Excellency to no small extent. Further, while His Excellency and Lady Northcote were going round making the inspection to-day they received much comfort and encouragement from them. This shows that His Excellency and Lady Northcote are kind-hearted and love the people as if they were their own children. All the women and children have, therefore, praiseworthy of them, and have voiced their happiness at the occasion, calling them their worthy parents. With utmost sincerity, we respectfully beg to tender our thanks to His Excellency. We pray that His Excellency will continue to give us support, so that all women and children may receive protection and live always in happiness, and thus not only we but others will feel grateful.

We have not much time to make preparations and so we can only entertain our guests at tea. We know that this is not too proper a way to show our respects, but we hope by this means to show our sincerity and we trust that our guests do not mind. Ladies and Gentlemen, I now request you to think to the health of His Excellency and Lady Northcote and also to the health of the Hon. S.C.A., the Hon. Chinese Representatives on the Council, Members of the Permanent Board of Direction, and our seniors.

Government Sympathetic

In reply, His Excellency said: When I visited the Po Leung Kuk about twelve months ago I promised that I would return accompanied by my wife so that she also should see the good work which the Po Leung Kuk habitually carries on. Unfortunately various causes have prevented that promise from being fulfilled until to-day but I speak for her as well as myself in saying that we are very glad to be here.

I have listened carefully to your speech, Mr. Chan, and I assure you that the Hongkong Government sympathises strongly with the difficulties with which the Po Leung Kuk are meeting and we are glad to be able to show that sympathy in the material form of an additional temporary subsidy. We recognise the effort which the Committee has made to meet the demands upon them.

It would, however, in my belief be a mistake to look upon this heavy increase in the inmate population of the Po Leung Kuk as being transient. While it may be true that the present hostilities are responsible partly for that increase—and that may be transitory only—it is certainly the fact that the greater activity now shown in Hongkong in the affairs of helpless children must lead to a permanently larger number of unfortunates in the Po Leung Kuk. It is, therefore, of prime importance that the Committee should consider how this situation can be met. In the matter of accommodation there are grave questions to be faced, for example it is necessary to extend the Po Leung Kuk premises. That depends to some extent on the question whether the fullest use is being made of the existing buildings. Then there are questions of staff and their ability to cope with the greatly increased demands made upon the Po Leung Kuk.

I feel quite sure that the Committee will consider most deeply these important issues so early in relation to the interests of the women and children in this Home founded for the Preservation of Virtue and that they will be guided solely by those conclusions.

My wife and I thank you, Mr. Chan, and your Committee most sincerely for your charming hospitality this afternoon. We have greatly enjoyed our visit; we pay a tribute of high respect for your labours for the helpless and we wish you all success in the future.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

artesian	streptococcus
suburban	pomegranite
artillery	remould

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Portuguese Consul Assaulted

Hankow, Mar. 6. The Portuguese Consul, Senhor A. T. Belchenko, was slightly injured when he was struck by Japanese sentries while attempting to pass the gate into the special administrative district after the curfew on Saturday.—United Press.

Japan

DIET DEBATES BUDGET

Supplementary Items Up For Review

Tokyo, Mar. 6. The national defence budgets, supplementary to the ordinary budgets, totalling ¥910,543,000 were approved by the Cabinet Council this morning and presented for deliberation to the Diet. The budgets are designed to finance the initial phases of the Army's defence programme in consideration of the Soviet armament and the Navy's building programme in consideration of the building programmes by Britain, the United States, and other Powers.

The extensive programmes for the national defence equipment of the Army and the Navy, of which the present budget are to cover only the first years, require a total expenditure of ¥1,889,038,000, including ¥104,800,000 for the Army and ¥1,694,142,000 for the Navy.

An enlivened debate was started in the House of Representatives when the extraordinary military budgets, totalling ¥4,600,000,000 reached the floor.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Ishikawa, pointed out that the extraordinary military expenses, which had already been approved by competent authorities, totalling ¥7,300,000,000, of which Imperial sanctions for defrayal had been granted for ¥7,388,000,000 and the residue in the reserve totalling ¥1,215,000.

A Finance Ministry spokesman added that almost the whole amount of ¥550,000,000 in reserve was to be defrayed with Imperial sanction, while up to the end of February a total of about ¥6,300,000,000 had been disbursed.

The War Office spokesman said that defrayal in advance by the Army amounted to ¥45,000,000, while a total of ¥5,300,000,000 had been expended with Imperial sanction up to the end of February. The balance was to the value of ¥400,000,000.

The Navy spokesman said that disbursement in advance by the Navy was to be made up to three-fourths of the total value of contracts and that by the end of this month 85 per cent of the defrayal for outstanding contracts was to be finished.

Mr. Miyazawa then asked whether the Government had a plan for transferring a considerable portion of the Army divisions on standing basis in Japan proper to Manchuria and China. The War Minister Gen. Hatake, admitted its possibility but declined to dwell on the matter at length.

The Interpellator said in his opinion it was necessary to prepare for simultaneous military operations against China and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Miyazawa asked whether the supplementary budgets for the Army and the Navy were designed to meet the requirements for an extended period of years or only for the coming one year. He also asked whether the Army's six-year rearmament programme was formulated in consideration of the armament of the Soviet.

The War Minister said that with regard to the first point it was to meet part of a continuing expenditure, while regarding the second point it was worked out as part of the six-year plan and the new situation involving the Soviet Union was taken into consideration in its formulation.

Navy Minister Yonai said that the national defence programme for the coming fiscal year has been mapped out independent of disarmament agreements and would not be affected by the said pacts. He added that the additional budget formed only part of continuing programme.

Mr. Miyazawa pointed out that both the Vinson plan of America and the British naval expansion plan were allegedly outside the purview of disarmament treaties. He asked on what policy the Navy was going to establish its "independent plan" against the new British and American plans. He further queried whether to secure predominance in the Western Pacific Japan was to set up a "two-Power standard" against Great Britain and the United States.

Navy Minister Yonai said that the new Vinson plan of America was designed to expand the old Vinson plan by 20 per cent, and admitted that both the British and the American naval expansion plans were taken into consideration in working out the Japanese Navy's new armament plan. Questioned as to the possible connection of the fleet building plan with the anti-Comintern pact between Germany, Italy and Japan, Navy Minister Yonai said that there existed no relation whatever between them. What attracted the Navy's attention most at the moment was the construction of a new order in East Asia. In order to attain this objective, Japan must be prepared to fight her way through possible difficulties in the international situation. It was desirable, however, that such possible difficulties might be relieved through means of diplomacy.—Domei.

Spanish War

Surrender By Republicans Not Likely As Yet

Almost immediately after the reorganisation of the Republican armies under Dr. Juan Negrin, an uprising broke out in Cartagena and later the Prime Minister was reported to have fled from Madrid. The Army Generals who overthrew Negrin are said to have learned that he was preparing to flee.

The Council of Defence, which has superseded the Prime Minister, insist that the Republic will resist to the end but both in Burgos and London the latest developments in Spain are interpreted as the surrender of the Republican army without further war.

To Continue Resistance

Madrid, Mar. 5. The Army generals overthrew Dr. Negrin after learning that the Premier and Ministers of the Cabinet were apparently preparing to flee.

The National Defence Council under General Segismundo, Commander of the Madrid Zone, announced by radio that an armistice would be accepted provided the Republicans were assured there would be no reprisals and no foreign domination.

General Casado, in a broadcast, said: "Either we are all saved or all sink and die. The last triumph depends on ourselves. We must remain on a war footing until we receive a guarantee of peace insuring our independence and avoiding reprisals."

The Socialist, Senor Julian Besteiro, a member of the Defence Council said: "We will fight to the death unless our independence is assured." Both General Casado and Senor Besteiro contended that the Negrin Government was illegal and that when President Manuel Azana resigned the Republic was "behind" and he believed that the chief reason for the coup d'etat was the belief that Dr. Negrin was negotiating surrender.—United Press.

Appeal from Madrid

Madrid, Mar. 6. A peace gesture was made by General Casado in an early morning broadcast when he addressed himself to Spaniards in the Franco zone, declaring their brothers in Republican territory sought peace based on conciliation, independence and liberty.

"We fight for nothing which we ourselves do not desire," he said. "We want the nation to be free from all foreign influence, unfettered by the imperialist ambitions of others. In your hands lies the peace which Spain very badly needs, or war which would enfeeble our country and thus place her at the service of invaders. If you offer peace our hearts will generously respond, but if you continue to wage war upon us we will fight to the death."

General Casado followed the address with an appeal to General Minja to accept the presidency of the Defence Council. Minja had apparently agreed to it and Casado later informed the army corps chiefs of the appointment.—Reuter.

Hopes for Peace

Burgos, Mar. 5. Authoritative circles are of the opinion that the fall of Negrin and the creation of a Defence Council mean there is hope for immediate pacification throughout the Spain without further war.—United Press.

Surrender Near

London, Mar. 5. The overthrow of Dr. Negrin and the establishment of a military junta are interpreted as the prelude to surrender by the Republic. It is

The Pope Is Advised To Rest

Vatican City, Mar. 5. The Pope was tired out after a long and intense daily programme. He has been ordered by the Vatican physician, Dr. Amintore Milani, to ease work, according to well informed circles.

It is revealed that the long schedule since the death of Pope Pius XI, together with the shock caused by the fall during the conclave have produced their effects and Dr. Milani, after an examination, said that His Holiness was overworking himself and he was not sleeping sufficiently.—United Press.

Audiences With Pope

Vatican City, Mar. 5. Pope Pius XII spent the first Sunday morning of his reign in giving an audience to prelates and lay workers upon whom the responsibilities of the Church fell during the vacancy of the Papal throne. His Holiness saw each individually and devoted most time to Monsignor Ugo Descull who was the Pope's class mate at Capranica College.—United Press.

APPEAL FOR CONFERENCE

London, Mar. 6. Mr. George Lansbury has appealed to Pope Pius to call a conference of religious leaders to discuss the world situation, and suggested that the conference be held in Jerusalem during Easter.

It is stated that after seeing most of the heads of Governments he declared that the questions dividing them could be solved by discussions.—Reuter Bulletin.

believed that the Communist element which wanted to continue the struggle has been eliminated.—United Press.

Still Holding Out

London, Mar. 5. The Gibraltar correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph alleges that the revolutionaries are still holding out in the Cartagena Dockyard, and are occupying a strong position.

The Lisbon correspondent says it is reported from Burgos that the Republican fleet has left Cartagena in order to surrender to Franco's navy. Cartagena will probably be attacked from the sea.—United Press.

Revolt Premature

Paris, Mar. 6. Nationalist bombers attacked Cartagena and three other coast ports this morning in an effort to prevent the mass flight of Marcellists.

According to controllable sources, the nationalist uprising in Cartagena was premature, and although Franco ordered the fleet to hasten to Cartagena a small group of Franco sympathizers, it appears, had been routed before the fleet was able to leave Barcelona.

Thirty officers who failed in their efforts to seize the naval base and arsenal, although they did hold the radio station for several hours, arrived in French Algeria in Republican Army planes.—United Press.

Men Arrested

Paris, Mar. 6. Four Spanish military planes have landed in French North Africa. About 30 officers and men stepped out and were immediately arrested by the French authorities.

One plane quickly tried to resume the flight towards Spanish Morocco, but was compelled to land in French territory.

It is believed that the planes participated in the abortive rising in Cartagena.—Reuter Bulletin.

RECOGNITION DELAY

Washington, Mar. 5. It is believed that the Negrin overthrow and the prolonged Republican resistance will postpone immediate consideration of recognition of the Franco regime. The delay may possibly be for months.

It is pointed out that advocates of recognition, particularly the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, have emphasized that they are not willing to grant recognition so long as the Republicans maintain an active government.—United Press.

United States GUAM NOT TO BE FORTIFIED

Washington, Mar. 6. The question of the fortification of Guam "won't be pressed at this time," stated Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, which opened hearings regarding the project recently rejected by the House of Representatives.

The statement is accepted as definitely shelving the issue for this session of Congress.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S NEW AERIAL BOMB TESTED IN AMERICA

Washington, Mar. 6. Germany's new type aerial bomb, which was stated to have been tried out in the air raids on Barcelona and killed everyone within a radius of a quarter of a mile, has been very much overrated as a weapon according to ordnance experts of the army who examined one of the missiles, says the semi-official publication Army and Navy Journal.

The bomb does not contain liquid oxygen as at first supposed, but is filled with ammonium nitrate, powdered charcoal and powdered aluminum enclosed in a light magnesium alloy shell.

The bomb was found to have no penetrating power and was consequently ineffective against well constructed air raid shelters or soldiers in dugouts.—Reuter.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION

The weekly meeting of the Peace Pledge Union will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day, in the Challenge Book Room, 1, Ice House Street, 1st Floor. The speaker will be Professor S. Lautenschlager, and his subject will be "Pacifism and Economics." This meeting is open to the public.

Ship for Canton

The O.S.K. steamer Canton Maru, which is under charter to the Japanese Government, will leave Hongkong at 8 a.m. to-morrow. The vessel is berthed at the O.S.K. wharf. Only passengers will be taken to Canton.

Shanghai

Newspaper Version Of Pact

Manchester Guardian Praises Council

Tokyo, Mar. 6. Congratulating the authorities concerned on the amicable agreement reached between the Japanese and Shanghai Municipal Council representatives regarding the control of anti-Japanese terrorism in the International Settlement, the Asahi Shimbun deals at length with this issue in its editorial.

"The Shanghai International Settlement, and especially the French Concession, has long been notorious as the resort of political offenders and criminals, while since the outbreak of the China Incident the Settlement authorities have been conniving at the subversive activities of anti-Japanese elements who have thus been actually encouraged in their activities.

"Chinese language newspapers published in the Settlement have also been responsible for the vigorous activities of these anti-Japanese elements whose operations they both directly and indirectly instigated.

"If more effort had been made in the past by the Settlement and French Concession authorities to maintain peace and order, the majority of these unfortunate incidents would have been prevented.

"However, the Municipal Council has now agreed to co-operate with the Japanese in a determined effort to eliminate terrorists. It remains to be seen how far the Council will translate its promise into action.

"If the Council lacks sincerity, effective measures for the control of terrorism should not be expected. In such a case, it is possible that the Council may attempt to shift the responsibility on to the Japanese side should there occur further acts of terrorism in the Settlement.

"What is most needed, therefore, is in order to carry out the agreement mutual co-operation on a solid basis just reached between the Japanese and the Municipal Council authorities," the Asahi concludes.—Domei.

COUNCIL DID WELL

London, Mar. 6. The Municipal Council of the International Settlement has done well to resist the more extreme demands for suppression of terrorism, declares the Manchester Guardian, and if it accepted the Japanese offers more police it has the excuse that it is so the interests of both sides if terrorism can be put down.

There are some points in the agreement which must arouse a certain amount of apprehension; and more serious still is the claim that Chinese offenders and suspects will be examined by the Japanese police authorities as a rule. To anyone with a knowledge of Japanese "third degree" methods in their own country this has a sinister sound, and in practice it would seem to subject those Chinese living within the boundaries of the Settlement to much the same kind of terrorism as exists outside them.

Have the democratic Powers made one more concession to force at the expense of the weak, asks the paper.—Reuter.


PRO-JAPANESE BURMA

Rangoon Doing Big Trade With Tokyo

Tokyo, March 6. Mr. Toyoi Kaneko, Japanese Vice-Consul at Rangoon, arrived to-day in Takao, Formosa, en route to Tokyo on furlough, after three years in Burma.

In an interview with the Asahi Shimbun, Mr. Kaneko said the Burmese were very pro-Japanese and were buying Japanese goods.

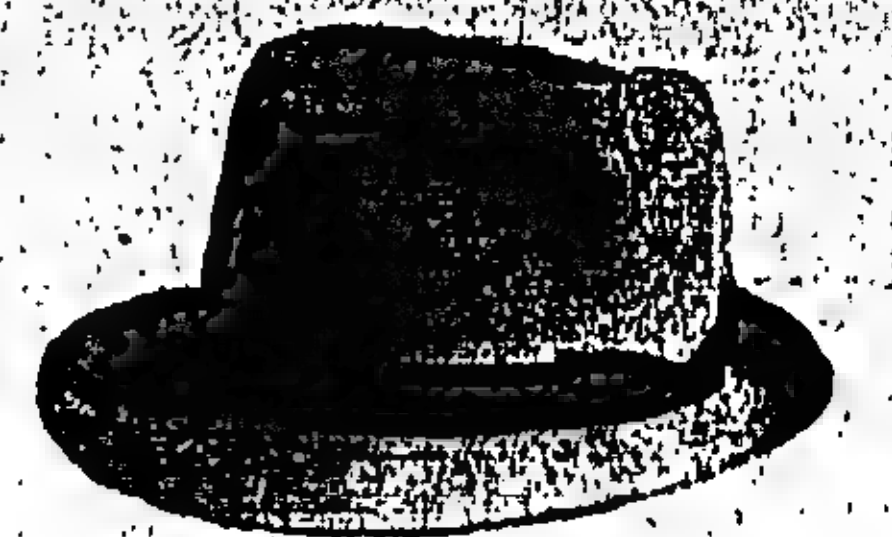
"The Burmese think they must shake hands with the Japanese, knowing that to do so is the way to save themselves from slavery," he said. "There are heaps of arms and munitions destined for the Chiang Kai-shek regime in Rangoon, but transportation to the interior of China seems very difficult."—United Press.



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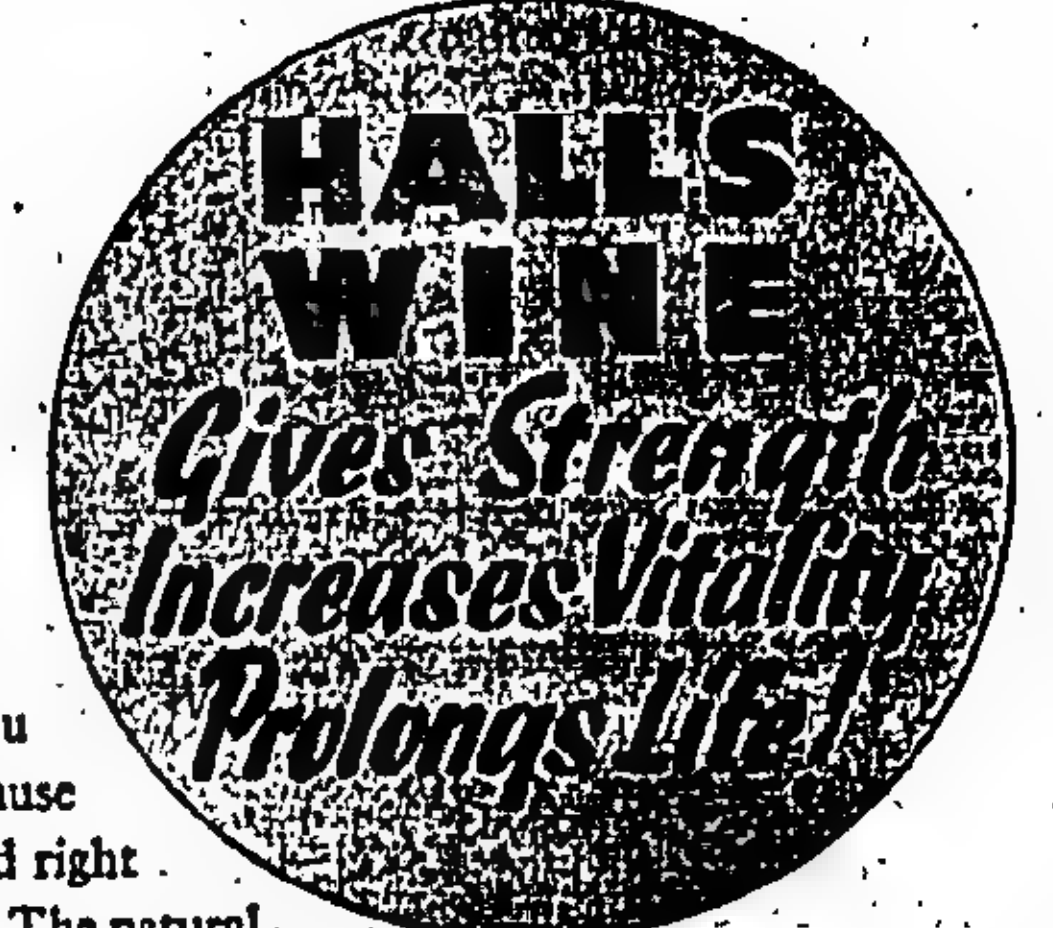
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NANCY



HONGKONG TO PLAY MACAO ON APRIL 16

Interport Football Arrangements Fixed At Council Meeting

The Interport football match between Hongkong and Macao will be played at Macao on Sunday, April 16, it was decided at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council, held in the Association rooms, Bank of Canton Building, yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Pryde.

It was announced that the visit of the Manila Interport football team to the Colony had been very successful and the gate receipts had been satisfactory.

The Manila team had expressed their appreciation of the efforts made by the Entertainment Committee here to make their stay as pleasant as possible.

The Lal Vah Cup final between the Chinese and the Civilians will be played on the Club ground on March 20. It was proposed that Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Colonial Secretary and President of the Football Association, be invited to give away the trophy.

A letter received from Macao regarding the Interport match was read. The date suggested by Macao was Sunday, April 16, the match to be played at the Canidrome, kick-off at 3.30 p.m. Macao had also requested that a team of First Division players be sent.

The date suggested was approved, and all arrangements were referred to the Management Committee.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed visit by a Colony team to Manila at the end of the present season. April 23 was suggested as the date for the departure of the Colony players. Arrangements for the visit were left to the Management Committee.

Mr. Pryde mentioned that he had met Mr. Grimshaw, former President of the Shanghai Football Association, on several occasions at matches recently, and Mr. Grimshaw had expressed the good wishes of the Shanghai Association, and also their regret that the Colony had been unable to send a team to the northern port for his Interport. Mr. Grimshaw said that the Shanghai Association had asked that Hongkong send a team up north during November this year.

The suggestion was approved by the meeting.

It was also agreed that in the event of a draw in the Senior Shield

Semi-final on Saturday, that the replay should be held the next day. The match is between South China "A" and Eastern.

LEE WAI-TONG'S REASON Local Reporters Object to His Playing in Shanghai

The China Press of Shanghai has the following, accompanied by criticism of the Hongkong Chinese reporters:

Yesterday, Shanghai's enthusiasts were stunned by the announcement that Lee Wai-tong, renowned Chinese football player, would not appear in the two charity games here as had been expected earlier.

Most startling of all, however, was the explanation given by Lee to the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association, which is sponsoring the games, as to why he had cancelled the arrangement.

According to the Chinese football club, the Chinese Reporters' Association in Hongkong objected to the trip!

Lee Wai-tong's letter is reproduced as follows:

"Thank you very much for the invitation. If my participation can be of help to the refugees, I should be more than happy to take part in the games. However, the objection of the press to my coming to Shanghai has compelled me to cancel my engagement. Thank you for all your trouble."—Lee Wai-tong.

Also a letter from Sir Shou-son Chow:

"Because of the objection raised by the newsmen in Hongkong, Mr. Lee deems it fit, in view of the surrounding circumstances to cancel his engagement. Looking forward to another occasion for Mr. Lee's participation."

Yesterday, Lee stated that he had received a letter from the Hongkong Chinese Reporters' Association, which had strongly advised him against playing football in Shanghai. Funds for the refugees, they claimed, could be raised in Hongkong as equally well as in Shanghai. Lee said that he had given the letter to Sir Shou-son Chow, and in refusing the Shanghai invitation, had acted on his advice.

BADMINTON LEAGUE

Results Of Matches Played Last Night

St. Andrew's "A" beat the Wanderers by 7-2 in a "B" division match last night.

W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong beat E. Zimmerman and J. S. Ho 21-8; beat C. T. Yung and E. S. Ho 21-18; lost to S. W. Liang and T. J. Ong 21-23.

W. M. Glitten and E. Brown beat Zimmerman and Ho 21-18; beat Yung and Ho 23-21; lost to Liang and Ong 14-21.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew beat Zimmerman and Ho 21-10; beat Yung and Ho 21-5; beat Liang and Ong 21-7.

Kowloon Tong Club beat the Sailors and Soldiers Home 9-0. Chung Wah beat Club de Recreio 7-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP TIES

A programme of matches in the annual Badminton Championships will be played on the Talkoo court this evening. The ties down for decision are:

JUNIOR SINGLES

S. H. Boone v. L. Sung (8.30 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES

D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (9 p.m.)

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. K. Hul and K. L. Yung v. C. N. and A. M. Silva (9.30 p.m.)

ROYAL BIRTH

Rome, Mar. 5. Princess Marie of Asturias, wife of Don Juan, third son of the ex-King Alfonso of Spain, has given birth to a daughter at the Anglo-American clinic.—United Press.

OUR SPELLING-BEE (see page 7) articles—asperitis or asbestus—arthritis—streptococcus—pomogranate—rhomboid

By Ernie Bushmiller

Fanling Golf Second Round Matches In Foursomes

Second round matches in the Mixed Foursomes competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played at Fanling recently, resulted as follows:

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Rose beat Brigadier and Mrs. Thomson 4 and 2. Major and Mrs. Harvey beat W. Woodward and Mrs. Goldman 2 up.

Major and Mrs. Williams beat N. L. and Mrs. Smith 4 and 2. Major and Mrs. Webb beat T. R. and Mrs. Rowell 1 up.

A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman received a walk-over.

A. and Mrs. Nichol beat Col. and Miss King 2 and 1.

G. R. and Mrs. Razavet beat R. E. and Mrs. Lindsell 1 up.

L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward received a walk-over.

Captain's Cup Competition The following were the results of the March Qualifying Competition for the Captain's Cup:

Old Course.—R. H. Gregory, 87—16=71, and Major A. S. Johnson, 81—10=71, tied and will play off. There were 28 entries.

New Course.—L. M. S. Lloyd, 87—17=70, qualified. There were 15 entries.

Optional Pool There were 13 entries for the Old Course Optional Pool, which was won by Major Johnston. The Pool on the New Course was cancelled.

WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

The February Captain's Cup qualifying competition of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club resulted as follows:

Old Course.—Mrs. Hillier, 68—12=70. New Course.—Miss M. Corrigan, 102—30=68, and Mrs. H. W. R. Williams, 95—29=66. Miss Corrigan qualifies, having the better score over the second nine holes.

Medal Pools The Medal Pool on the Old Course was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

L. G. U. Yearly Medal, Silver Division.—No entries. L. G. U. Yearly Medal, Bronze Division.—Mrs. A. B. Thomson and Miss P. King tied.

The Spring Meeting, which will be held on March 20, 21 and 23, has been arranged as follows:

Monday, March 20.—Tombstono competition on the New Course; Long Driving, approaching and putting.

Tuesday, March 21.—L. G. U. Medal, Silver Division, Old Course; Medal, Bronze Division, New Course; Handicap and scratch prizes in both divisions.

Thursday, March 23.—Bogey competition on Old Course; Medal competition on Relief Course. A putting pool is running for the three days.



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, congratulating Leung Wing-chiu, the Chinese captain, on the victory of the Hongkong C.A.A.F. over the Hongkong F.A. in the Hongkong Cup Football Competition last Sunday. Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary of the F.A., is seen in the foreground, while Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith can be seen in the rear.—Staff Photographer.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Cowboy and the Lady" (Kemp's Theatre, to-day).—Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon in a story about a daughter of wealth who marries a rodeo rider and thereby persuades her father to give up empty political ambitions. Light generally amusing stuff.

"The Great Waltz" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—A bit too elephantine, but Julien Duvivier has managed to slip in a few of his characteristically brilliant flourishes. The characters and story are forgotten in the maze of the Strauss music, to hear which of course is what music-lovers go to see this picture for. Louise Rainer, Fernand Gravel and others made the plot sound plausible.

"Spawns of the North" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Virtue enough in its background and in certain of its scenes, this is an action drama which has tried to substitute the honeyed word for the good right arm. Since Alaska scenes less adapted to the problem play than to the tavern brawl, the substitution is not entirely successful. There are some very exciting scenes, which make the film worth seeing.

"South Riding" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A successful British picture, in which acting honours go to Edna Best and Ralph Richardson, also Ann Todd and Edmund Gwenn. "Love and Hises" (Cathay Theatre, to-day).—That old feud between Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

LOCAL YACHTING

The sixth women's second series was sailed yesterday by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over a distance of 7.4 miles. Results:

Yacht	Time	Points
Jean (Mrs. V. Gowlan)	16.55.30	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	16.27.05	3
Yionia (Miss M. Corrigan)	16.38.38	4
Redshank (Mrs. M. N. Luce)	16.55.50	5
Artisan (Miss M. Whitham)	16.59.10	6
True Blue		8

SUCCESSFUL YEAR SHOWN BY THE KOWLOON B. G. C.

The annual report of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, which will be read at the annual meeting to be held on Friday, March 10, is one of a successful year concluded. Membership, and consequently, Membership Income, had shown an increase, and a profit of \$728 is recorded for 1938. Thirty-three new members joined, and two honorary members were elected, as against the 27 who left during the year.

The Club house and grounds are in excellent order, and work on the extension of the Club premises, which was decided at an Extraordinary General Meeting on October 31, is proceeding satisfactorily, and it is expected that the additional facilities will be available by the end of April.

The deaths of Messrs. P. T. Farrell and F. L. Rapley, past Presidents of the Club, and Messrs. F. A. H. Cullen, J. W. Walker and J. Wedgewood are recorded with regret.

Two teams were entered for the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, the first having average success, while the second finished as runners-up. Mr. G. C. Norman is congratulated on winning the Club championship, Mr. A. J. Hall the President's Prize, and Mr. Hyde Lay the Vice-President's competition.

The addition of a new earth tennis court has proved a great asset, and tennis remains a very popular pastime. The library has been a very useful addition to the amenities of the Club, and has had excellent support.

Social entertainment was confined to a well supported Smoking Concert, and two very popular Fennel Dances during the summer. The Annual Children's Sports and Christmas Party, which took place on December 17, was again most successful, and \$100 was donated from the fund to the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Thanks are accorded to the donors of the numerous prizes, and to those members who contributed to the Prize Fund, and to the Children's Sports Fund.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 9th March, 1939.

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PARIS.

IN spite of high taxes, rising prices and a gloomy political outlook—or perhaps because of them—fashions in Paris are swinging back to a gay youthfulness which seems to be an involuntary reaction to last season's too elegant Edwardianism.

But, curiously enough, accessories haven't all caught up with them. You get used to seeing, in one house after another short full skirts, often 17 inches from the ground, with neat fitting jackets, but you don't expect to see them in conjunction with Directoire or Early Victorian bonnets.

And when the bonnets are heavily beflowered and as heavily veiled, the whole outfit reminds you irresistibly of a visiting film star coyly prepared for the inevitable Press interviews.

HATS

Several of the new hats, in fact, appear to be having a little struggle with their surroundings. The brimmed hats with tall, steeple crowns would, it seems to me, look happier with slimmer and longer skirts and, for the same reason, the cavalier hats, their brims sweeping up at one side to shelter a posy of flowers, have a slightly unbalanced air, charming though they are.

It is the bonnets, seen everywhere, large and small, veiled and unveiled, with flowers and without, which go best with this new silhouette.

But this matter of crowns is worth looking into. A short while ago it became a rule that high hats came in with the winter, but ones with the spring and summer. Now that has all gone by the board. There are dozens of hats as flat as a plate, and it is true; but obviously at the last minute their designers couldn't keep their hands off them.

You see one topped with an enormous posy; another with an upright feather, a third with the brim at the back turned up in such a way that the hat appears to be towering.

As for crowns, you've only to look at the variety of steeple crowns—a pointed, round or square one—occasionally in miniature and in duplicate on the one hat—to realise how flagrantly the milliners have broken their own rule.

Most of the spring hats reveal as much back hair as ever, but if you're plagued with untidy ends, you can conceal them with a fall of chiffon—sent down your back or accept Erik's alternative—which is to wear a veil or scarf beneath your hat or coming from the back and tied over your hair and under your chin.

As for the angle, that can be straight, a half tilt, or plunged over

Drawing shows:

1. Glass sandals from Enzo.
2. Erik's fine straw bonnet.
3. Coarse straw Erik hat turned up on one side, with trimming of cactus.
4. Black lace fan from Ardanne held in pink suede and lace glove from Robert Piguet.
5. Black afternoon suede gloves with gold kid pipings—imitating bracelets.
6. Gloves from Creed collection with kid palms and gauntlets and hand-knitted backs.
7. Buttoned up boots from Bentivegna in suede and lizard skin.
8. Gold tasselled hatpins.
9. Louise Bourbon's casquette with veiling of yellow and blue.
10. Pigskin gloves with a "frame" of darker brown; and Lucile Paray's Dorothy bag in suede.
11. Handbag made like a saddle.
12. Black satin shoe from Bunting with gold kid trimming and new square heel.

HATPINS

your nose; it depends on the hat. If flower trimmings and yards of veiling aren't dressy enough for you, there are ribbon toques, flower toques, toques of tulle and various species of turban in a medley of colours.

Or you may like tricks; then there are Violette Marson's little square caps, like bierettes, which fold up as flat—as well, as flat as your hat.

GLOVES

Hat-pins are coming in fast. They're eye-catching objects this season, with metal fringes or a shower of colour stones or silk as long as the pin itself falling from the back. And there is the same feeling for fringes on thick gold necklets and bracelets. It promises to be an untidy year for jewellery.

In the evening, you quite frankly dress up. Hence the gloves with bouquets of "jewels" worked on the backs, or embroidered exquisitely on narrow gauntlets with flowers and the languishing legend "Songes," or the Robert Piguet models in fine pastel coloured suede with delicate black lace inset down the sides of the fingers and bordering the cuff.

They're all of a piece with the lace fans, bases smothered in flowers and eye-alls cut in the tops, and Victorian bouquets with lace or ribbon streamers worn with some of the dresses.

Afternoon gloves are quite sober in comparison, even the long black ones with rows of gilt kid piping half way up the arm—to simulate

bracelets; while the classic type, like the leather and hand-knitted gauntlets shown at Creeds, occasionally get a little more fanciful.

SHOES

The shoes can be divided into three categories: The hardly-to-be-believed Sheerly fanciful Practical.

In the first is Enzo's transparent "glass" sandals with silver kid straps—wearable, comfortable, flexible, not actually made of plastic material. Button-up boots for daytime wear come in the fanciful class. Both Georgeette and Bentivegna are doing these and with the new full skirts they'll probably be worn—occasionally.

Finally come the practical shoes, including simple court shoes with very little trimming; models which still have a tendency to mount towards the ankles, but may be cut away entirely at the back; shoes which are nearly ankle length; and Georgeette's new sports shoe with sole and heel of thick felt.

Experiments are still being made with heels. There is Bunting's new squared one which protrudes beyond the shoe itself. But every bodier tells me that while women are going back to more classic footwear for the afternoon, the wedge heel for sports has come to stay. And they all add, a trifle grimly, that they will fight hard any tendency to open-toe shoes, beyond a discreet triangular opening.

HANDBAGS

After this display of imagination, handbags come a long way behind. You can have one like a saddle, a second like an enormous bow, a third like an old-fashion Dorothy bag—but after glass slippers and buttoned boots they all seem a trifle dull.

BEAUTY BOX

SNUGGLING into a fur collar discolours the neck after a while. Ordinary cleansing is not enough. Try using a bleaching face pack. You can buy good ones cheaply, and one application works wonders in whitening the neck.

Avoid make-up with a bluish tinge in cold weather—it will accentuate your blue feeling! Go for a clear "straight" red, and choose one which does not go mauve on the skin.

Warm shades of powder, such as deep peach, are good at this time of year. Don't choose yellowish shades, like ochre, but those which have a kind, warm glow.

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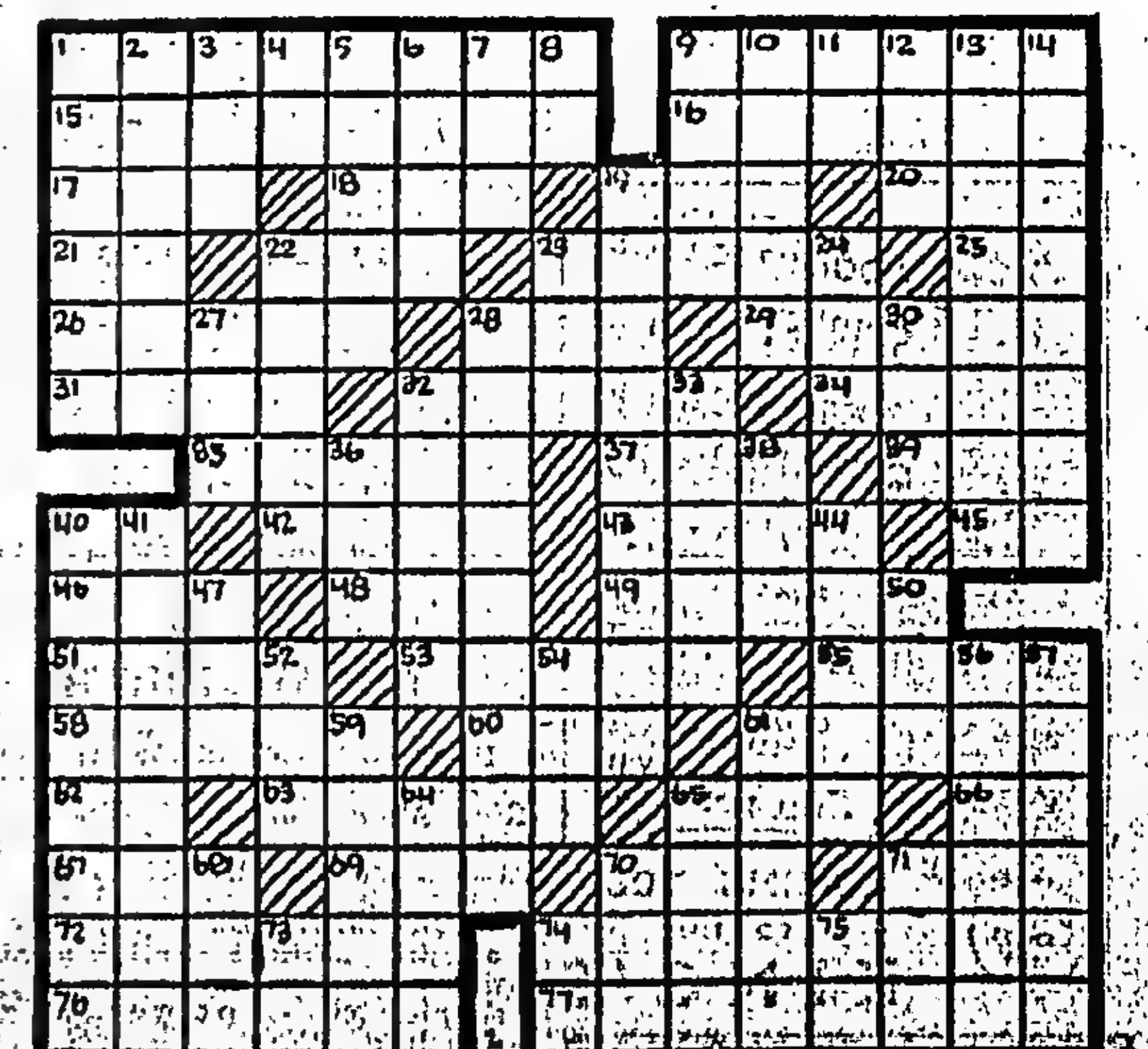
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ACROSS

- 1—Wild ducks
- 2—Removes bits from
- 3—Inference
- 4—High explosive
- 5—Old tobacco
- 6—Dress to best clothes
- 7—Ostrich
- 8—Dumb animal
- 9—Blue
- 10—Dumb American mammal
- 11—Dumb
- 12—Meant to be sung
- 13—Drops in middle
- 14—Fierce interior
- 15—Mine entrance
- 16—French city
- 17—Inanimate
- 18—Device worked by foot
- 19—Foot waste
- 20—Fruit food
- 21—Bait
- 22—Delivered
- 23—Articles of clothing
- 24—Edward
- 25—Dance
- 26—Tote small tale
- 27—Mistake
- 28—Mistake
- 29—Political district
- 30—Burdened
- 31—Part of foot
- 32—Stop
- 33—Order of the day
- 34—Come to point
- 35—Doctor of Law
- 36—Pathway
- 37—The head up and down

DOWN

- 1—Swampy
- 2—Contending
- 3—Doctor of Law
- 4—One of scale
- 5—Room best roof
- 6—Unorderly gathering
- 7—Somewhat animal
- 8—Tin
- 9—Breed
- 10—Up top of
- 11—Bridle
- 12—Bridle
- 13—Branch
- 14—Refused to rank
- 15—Shaped like arrow
- 16—Need
- 17—Pitch
- 18—Braid
- 19—Part of mouth
- 20—Common phrase
- 21—Bridle
- 22—Containing spirit
- 23—Spin propelling device
- 24—Bait
- 25—Containing sculpture
- 26—Shellfish
- 27—Full basket
- 28—Quenched
- 29—Duty
- 30—Road
- 31—Made acquaintance
- 32—Liberate
- 33—Cloth manufacturer
- 34—Butcher
- 35—Greek architecture
- 36—Off for photograph
- 37—Name game
- 38—Period
- 39—Period of time
- 40—Is able to
- 41—Porter
- 42—Provided
- 43—Toward



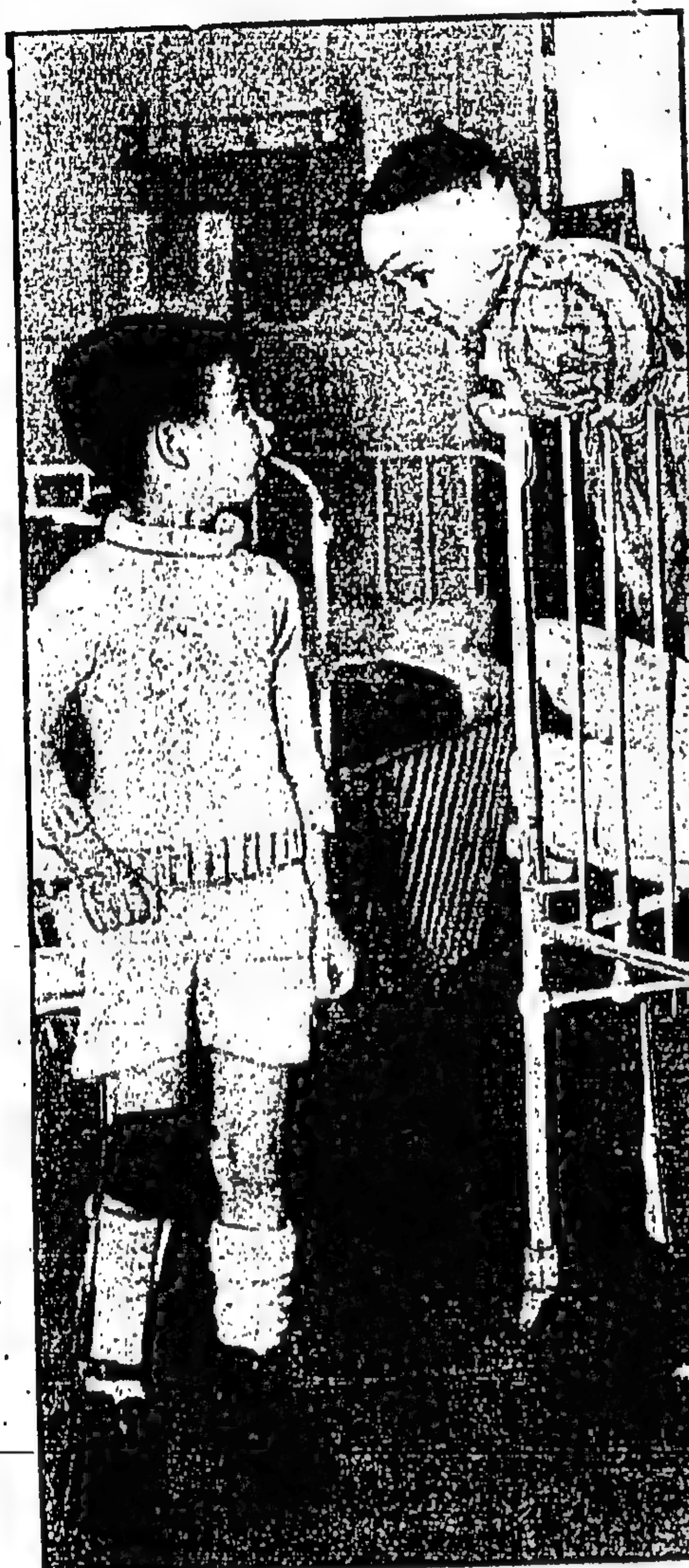
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Hongkong Telegraph PHOTONEWS

HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE

A LITTLE BOY WALKS AGAIN

Two years ago 8-year-old Philip Corish, of Holloway, N., fell 40 feet from a window and broke his thigh. Recently—with the aid of a "walking caliper"—he walked across a ward of the Royal Northern Hospital to greet his parents. You see Philip in the picture below with another patient at the hospital.



EIGHT HURT IN TRIPLE CRASH

Eight people were taken to St. James' Hospital, Balham, suffering from cuts and bruises as the result of a collision between a bus, a tram, and a private car at the junction of Balham High-road and Trinity-road, Totting.

The car was pushed 20 yards on to a traffic island, and the tram continued across the crossing and collided with a 40 bus going in the direction of Streatham. The impact forced the tram off the rails.

"It runs in the family." Of course, you have often heard this phrase, but did you know that the "Big Top" probably houses more instances of chips off the old block than any other profession? Here are some of the celebrities of Bertram Mills Circus at Olympia with their children.



Joe Craton, 74-year-old clown, and his daughter Lulu. "She gives a lot and her mouth is a fair size. I say nothing and mine is like the side of a house," said Old Joe.



Another great circus troupe are the ten Cristians, a family of horseback riders. Here is Machquita Cristiani and father, leader of the troupe.



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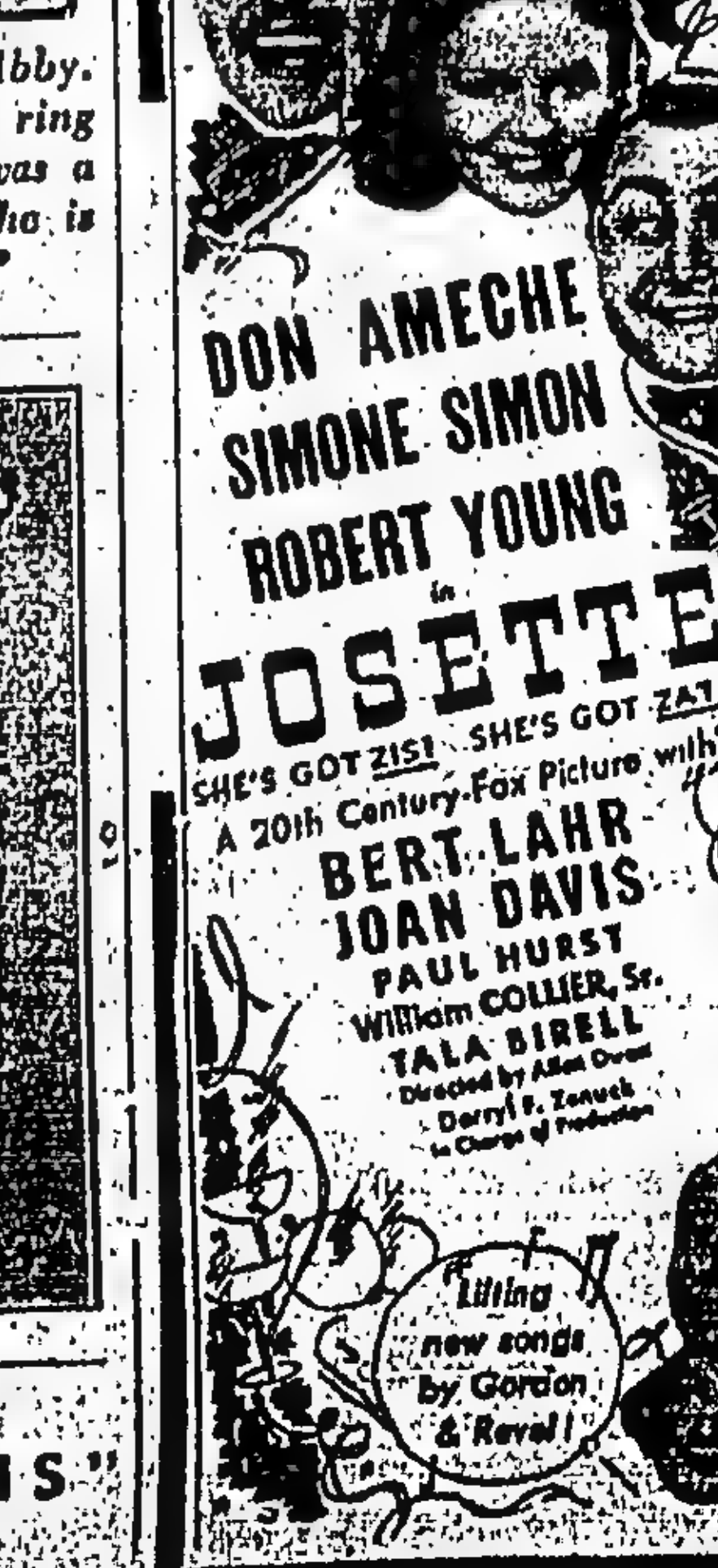
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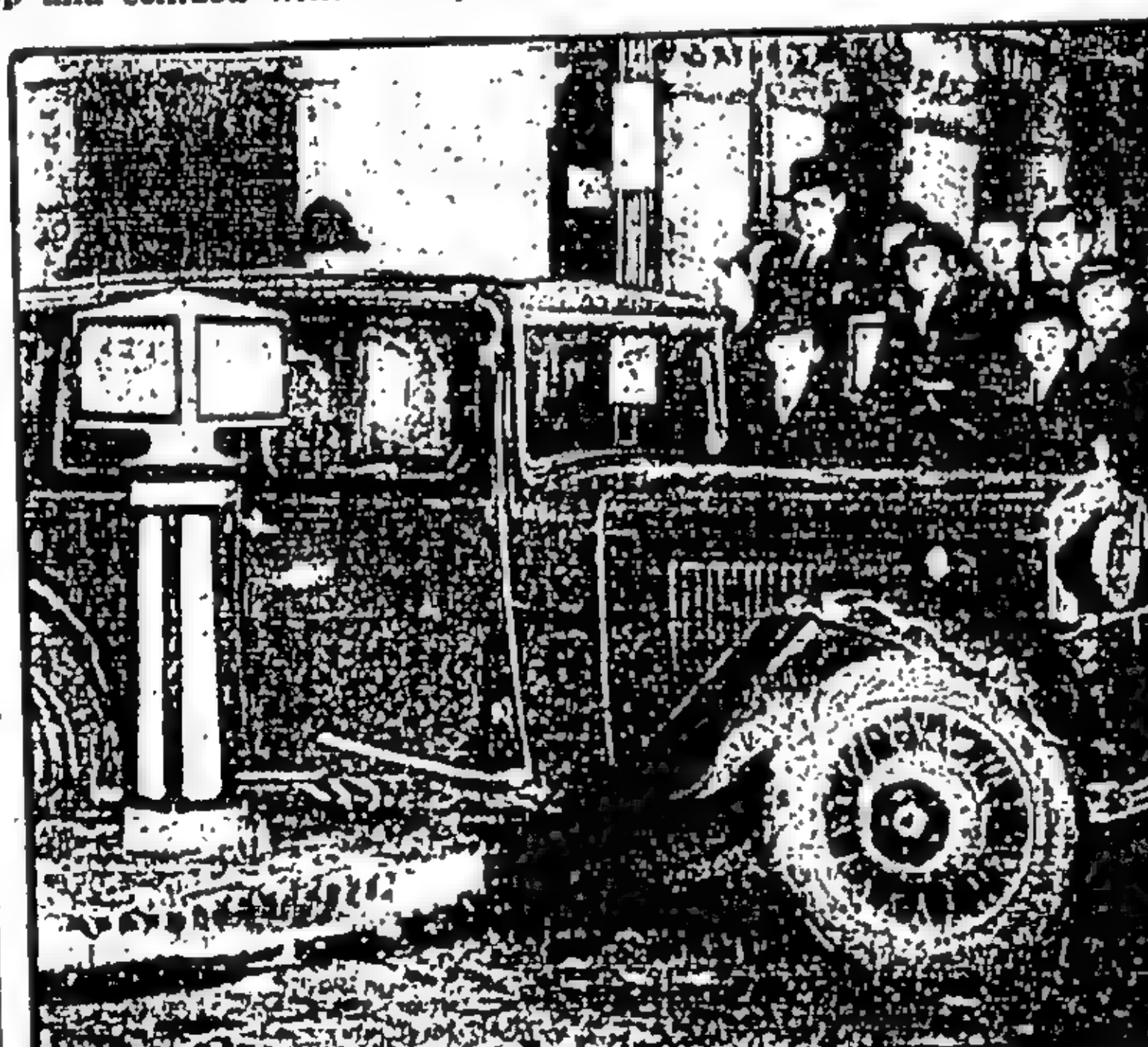
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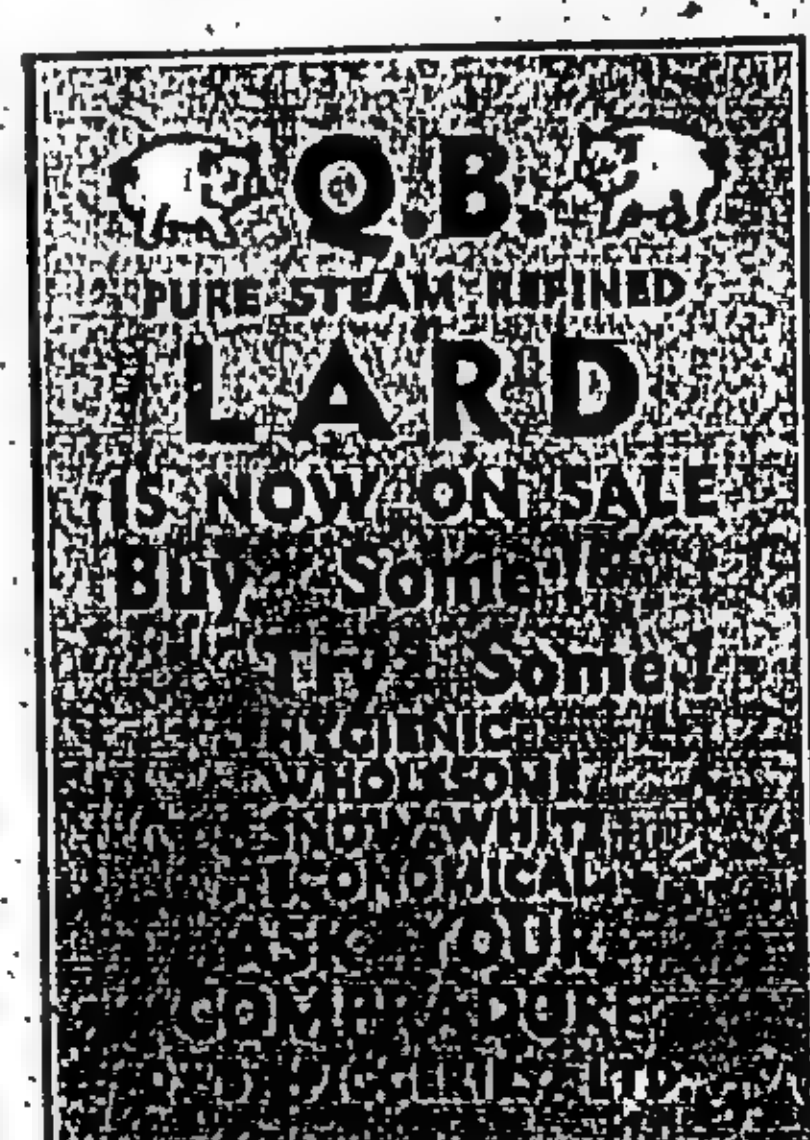
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The first double wedding of the New Year was celebrated at Westminster Cathedral recently when brothers from Wales married sisters from Ireland. Miss May Clancy and her sister Ann were the brides of Sydney and Edna Low.



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ONE OF THE DUGOUTS under construction on the allotment opposite the Peninsula Hotel for the A.R.P. exhibition which will commence to-morrow afternoon.—Staff Photograph by

Governor To See Chinese Play

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will visit the Tai Ping Theatre to-morrow evening, when the well-known Cantonese drama "The Tripod and the Pearl" will be performed by Ma Sze-ling and other leading Cantonese dramatists.

Ma Sze-ling is generally ranked as the most popular professional actor of Cantonese drama in Hongkong. "The Tripod and the Pearl" is a play written by the actor himself.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will be accompanied by His Honour Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Currie and Mrs. Currie, Sir Robert Kotelwal, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. King, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir V. Grayburn and the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo.

FAREWELL GIFT

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, Receiver Cheque

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford was the recipient of a farewell present from the Hongkong Singers at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, yesterday. The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, and President of the Hongkong Singers, made the presentation which took the form of a cheque.

The President thanked Mr. Lafford for his work in connection with the Hongkong Singers, and the magnificent results obtained in the various concerts during his stay in the Colony. They were all sorry that the concert which was to have been given to-day by the Singers and the Hongkong Chamber Music Club had to be cancelled for various reasons. The Hon. Mr. Smith in conclusion wished Mr. Lafford the best of luck and success in his future career.

Mr. Lafford expressed his appreciation for the gift and said he would never forget his experiences in Hongkong.

Mr. Lafford was honorary conductor for the Hongkong Singers.

Commission Defining Italo-Sudan Border

London, Mar. 6.

Mr. R. A. Butler stated in the House of Commons to-day that consultations were going on at present with the Egyptian Government with the object of defining the boundaries between Italian East Africa and the Sudan.

Upon conclusion of these consultations, the British Ambassador to Rome, Lord Perth, would submit to the Italian Government two memoranda containing proposals for frontier rectification between the Italian East Africa and the Sudan on the one hand, and Kenya and Italian Somaliland on the other.—Trans-Ocean.

Benevolent Society In Urgent Need

In the report of the Hongkong Benevolent Society's annual meeting, published yesterday, it was stated that the balance in hand was barely enough to meet the demands on the society for ten months.

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DOCTOR RETIRING

The retirement of Dr. C. H. Lutz, after 20 years service, will be the occasion of a tea party at the Gloucester Hotel to-day at 5.30 p.m., given by the Government Medical Officers.

"Socialisation" In Germany

Berlin, Mar. 6.

A holding company of all cotton firms has been formed in Bremen, a capital of 10,000,000 marks.

Cotton imports are to be centralised, and orders are being placed with those countries ready to supply industrial products.

Cotton purchases from countries which in the past have taken export goods in payment will be affected by the new business method.—Rueter.

A.R.P. Lectures

A series of A.R.P. lectures (modified course) for Air Raid Wardens, instructors and Air Raid Wardens will be held at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, every Wednesday at 6.30 p.m., commencing to-morrow.

The lectures will be given by Mr. L. D. Skinner, and the public are cordially invited to attend.

SOLICITING EVIL

European Accosted By Ricksha Coolie

A ricksha coolie, Cheung Chui-ching, 20, was sentenced to two months' hard labour when he accosted before Mr. Q. A. MacLayden at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of soliciting for an immoral purpose.

Detective Sub-Inspector Kellet said that on the night of March 4 the defendant approached a European in Gloucester Road near Jordan Road, and asked him if he wanted to hire a ricksha and also if he desired a "lo kul" (prostitute). The European boarded the ricksha and the defendant took him to an address in Portland Street which had been a brothel but which had been closed for the past few days. The defendant was arrested.

Cheung admitted the charge.

Brothel Keepers Fined

Charged before Mr. MacLayden, Lai Tong, 62, pleaded guilty to a count of having kept the second floor of a house in Wing Sing Lane as a brothel.

D.S.I. Kellet said that the house was raided on March 4 and that there were seven women and 21 men on the premises, an unusually large number.

Lai was fined \$30 or three weeks' hard labour.

In Mr. Himsforth's Court in Kowloon, Leung Sau, 24, was fined \$20 or one month's hard labour for keeping a brothel on the first floor of a house in Larch Street, Mongkok.

TENSION IN SHANGHAI

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Japanese to the station was also taken into its premises.

Reinforced by the marines patrolling in the vicinity, the Japanese force led by Lt.-Commander Hayashi and Lieutenant Minzono of the Special Landing Party, surrounded the police station to prevent escape of the criminals.

Deputy-Commissioner Akagi of the Municipal Council Police intervened in the meantime and finally the criminals in question were handed over to the Japanese. The Japanese marines then withdrew.

Later in the afternoon negotiations were still in progress for winding up the day's event between the Japanese authorities and the Municipal Council Police.—Domei.

Beck For England

London, Mar. 6.

It is announced that Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, will shortly visit England to discuss matters of common interest with the British Government.

The visit will probably take place in the first week in April.—Rueter.

PUPPET CHIEF'S NARROW ESCAPE

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7.

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Visiting Chu's residence at 7.40 a.m. the intruders demanded the family to take them to Chu. Forcing their way into Chu's bedroom, the gunmen emptied their arms at the inmate.

Mr. Chu buried himself in his bed-clothes and escaped being injured.—Domei.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

The annual general meeting of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, will be held in the West Lounge on Monday, March 13, at 5.45 p.m.

According to the balance sheet published with the annual report the excess of income over expenditure for last year was \$936.70. Income totalled \$114,026.50.

At the meeting five members will be elected to serve on the Members' Council. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock will preside.

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Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, state:

Chinese Company
Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, March 7, at 5.30 p.m. about:

Constables R9 Wang May-on, R15 S. C. H. Liang, R26 Lai Chi-chiu, R60 Lau Kwan-po, R106 Tang Shiu-woon, R105 Lam Kwok-yiu, R107 Woo Choi-sin, R108 Woo Tak-sin, R109 Lai Tsang-tsam, R110 Chan Kai-wah, R112 Chan Ching-man, R113 Tang Chung-tul, R116 Ko Kar-ming, R120 Leung Yiu-wing, R117 Kwok King-long, R118 Lee Chow-lam, R119 Tai Pak-yuen, R122 Fok Wa-hoi, R123 Ho Tai-wing, R124 Peter Francis Lee, R125 Yuen Shing-luen, R126 Ng Shiu-man, R340 Wong King-luk, R14 John Simon Au, and R127 Philip Tam Pak-hing.

Patrol Duty. Nightly between 8 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Indian Company
Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Indian Company have passed Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) on Wednesday, February 22, 1939:

Constables R212 Bakhrish Singh, R213 Mohamed Ali, R217 Abdul Hamid, R224 Y. Tipe, R240 Atta Mohamed, R268 Mohamed Rumjahn, R294 Abdul Rehman.

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Emergency Unit Reserve
A. R. P. Courses. The A. R. P. Courses will be held at the Club Lusitano, 10, Ice House Street on Tuesday, and Friday, March 7 and March 10, at 8.30 p.m.

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CIVILIAN REFUGEE ZONES FOR HONGKONG POPULATION

Mass Evacuations Envisaged In Event Of War In Pacific

PLANS FOR THE TRANSFERENCE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THICKLY-POPULATED AREAS OF HONGKONG, IN THE EVENT OF THREATENED AIR RAIDS, ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS DEPARTMENT, THE "TELEGRAPH" LEARNED THIS MORNING.

These plans envisage a mass displacement of population to the New Territories and, it is reported, to Lantau Island. COMMITTEE SET UP

For the purpose of completing these plans, a new sub-Committee of the Air Raids Precaution Office has been set up. The composition of this sub-Committee has not been announced, but the "Telegraph" understands that its terms of reference will be to investigate the possibilities of evacuating densely populated areas, such as Wanchai, West Point and Yaumati, to safer areas.

GUAM NAVAL BASE

Proposal Revived By Senate

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6. ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, Chief of Naval Operations, appeared before the Senate Naval Committee to-day to renew the Navy's effort to obtain congressional authority for the Guam plan.

Admiral Leahy declared that the island's strategic position made it of estimable value as a possible defence base which would act as a strong deterrent to any foreign power contemplating hostile move towards the Hawaiian Islands or the continent of the United States.

Admiral Leahy contended that Guam was of great importance as a possible air and submarine base "from which to protect our overseas commerce from the Dutch East Indies."

He also claimed that Guam was valuable as a possible naval station and a base for the Asiatic fleet when the United States withdrew from the Philippines in 1946.

Admiral Leahy at the same time protested that opposition to the plan was generally based on the erroneous assumption that a strong fortification was at present envisaged. As hitherto outlined, the plan entails building a new breakwater improvement and facilities for handling aeroplanes.

The programme is before the Senate in a \$65,000,000 Bill to authorize improvements of naval and aviation facilities at a number of places, including a group of mid-Pacific islands. This Bill is similar to the \$47,000,000 air base Bill recently passed by the House with the elimination of authority to develop Guam.—Reuter.

6,000 ARMY PLANES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6. The Senate to-day approved the proposal to increase to army air corps strength to 6,000 aeroplanes. The House of Representatives had previously approved a limit of 5,500 planes.—Reuter.

Pneumonia Claims Petty Officer

Stanley Arthur Maydell, Stoker Petty Officer, of H.M.S. Pandora, died at the Naval Hospital of pneumonia yesterday. His nearest relative was his sister, Mrs. Tramter, who lives in London. The funeral takes place at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. to-day.

WORLD PEACE PARLEY

PARIS, Mar. 6.

THE QUESTION of calling an international peace conference engaged the lively attention of the National Council of the Socialist Party to-day.

The Party adopted a motion by M. Leon Blum opposing a conference unless the Italians and Germans evacuated Spain, and imposing other preliminary conditions.

The voting was 4,000 for the motion and 3,140 for the opposition motion in favour of calling a conference unconditionally.—Reuter Special.

In a statement last night, the A. R. P. Officer, Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, admitted that it was practically impossible to protect buildings from the effects of a direct hit by high-explosive bombs.

Incendiary bombs also constituted a very serious danger from the numerous fires they would cause, he added.

NEW TERRITORY SITES

It is believed that the new sub-Committee will select suitable sites for camps in the New Territories, and it is to these that the transferred population would be sent.

The danger of a direct hit by a high explosive bomb on a building in the thickly populated tenement areas in the Colony is apparent by even a superficial examination of the districts. The area covered by buildings in the central, Yaumati, West Point and Wanchai areas is large compared with the area of open spaces and roads.

A.R.P. EXHIBITION

The A.R.P. Exhibition at the Peninsula Hotel, which will be opened by Lady Northcote at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow will include 15 exhibits, ranging from methods that can be adopted to render a building gas and splinter proof, the effect of high explosive on an unprotected Chinese tenement building, models of A.R.P. trenches, domestic fire-fighting appliances, typical gas-proofed rooms and protective clothing.

The Air Raid Warning sirens which recently arrived from Home are now being put into position at strategic points in the Colony. They will be tested in a fortnight and this will be followed by a trial "black-out".

BIG FIRM TO GIVE GAS MASKS TO STAFF

The China Can Company have decided to provide the whole of their staff with respirators at the Company's expense, states Wing Commander Steele-Perkins, A.R.P. officer.

Ruthenian Minister Relieved Of Post

Prague, Mar. 6. The President of Czechoslovakia has unexpectedly relieved the Ruthenian Minister, M. Julian Reva of his post.

He will be succeeded by the President of the Board of Agriculture, M. Klocurak, whose appointment is expected on Tuesday.—Trans-Ocean.

Blind Carpenter

A blind carpenter, Samuel Timmons, completed a 10 by 10 foot chicken house on which he did all of the carpentry work.

LOAN TO CHINA

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Participates

LONDON, Mar. 6.

IT IS OFFICIALLY confirmed that Britain has decided to favour a loan to China of between £3,000,000 and £5,000,000 for the purpose of saving Chinese currency from collapse.

It will serve firstly, as a special fund for backing the gesture of Anglo-United States solidarity in the Far East, because it makes the aid extended to China by Britain to approximately the same as that granted by the United States.

Secondly, it marks the reflex following the recent worsening of Anglo-Japanese relations, and denotes an attempt to induce the Japanese to modify their Pacific hegemony drive.

The loan will be granted by a group of British Banks, headed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which will replace the usual Chinese security.

A special Bill will be introduced into Parliament to authorise the loan.

It is emphasized, however that this meaning move is separate from the additional export credit which Britain is preparing to give to China, which involves roughly a ten-fold enlargement of the £500,000 export credit guarantee lately granted to permit China to purchase lorries, rails, machine tools and papermill machinery.—United Press.

NOTHING KNOWN

An official of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation told the "Telegraph": "We know nothing about the report that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is participating in the proposed loan."

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Two Sides May Reach Agreement

PARIS, Mar. 6.

A HINT OF approaching agreement between the Spanish Republicans and General Franco was given by Senor Barrio, Speaker of the Spanish Cortes who is now in France.

Senor Barrio said that General Miaja is a man who can agree with General Franco in bringing peace back to Spain.

Referring to the new Defence Council, Senor Barrio said: "We are in complete agreement over the desire to end the war."

Senor Barrio revealed that the permanent committee of the Cortes met three days ago and sent Dr. Juan Negrin a note saying that it was prepared to collaborate with him on the condition that he aimed at windingup the civil war with the least possible damage and the fewest sacrifices.

Senor Barrio added: "Our attitude was quite clear, and possibly the knowledge of this to Dr. Negrin resulted in the coup d'Etat which will lead to peace."—Reuter.

MADRID DEFENCE—Page Two

Spain: Latest

LOYALISTS APPEAL FOR ENDURING PEACE

MADRID, Mar. 6.

A FERVENT APPEAL for a "peace that would assure the independence of Spain" was made by General Casado in a manifesto addressed the "Spaniards of the trenches" to-day.

The manifesto said:

"The die is cast. It depends entirely on us, by our own will, to find a way out of the deadlock."

"Spaniards! Choose between fruitful liberty and ruinous slavery; between peace for the benefit of Spain, or war in the service of mad imperialism. Our struggle will not end until the independence of Spain is assured. The Spanish people will not lay down their arms until they have a guarantee of peace without crimes. Let us establish this peace."

The manifesto said that it speaks in the name of 1,000,000 men who are prepared to fight to the death to obtain peace assuring the independence of Spain, "to prevent our country being drowned in a sea of blood, hate and persecutions, and to make, for future generations, a Spain free from foreign domination, violence and terror."

The manifesto concluded: "If you offer us peace you will find us with a chivalrous Spanish heart, but if you continue to war on us you will find us implacable, confident and hard like the tempered steel of a bayonet."—Reuter Special.

MIAJA TAKES OVER

Madrid, Mar. 6. It is officially reported that General Miaja has been appointed President of the Defence Council, with General Casado as War Minister, and Senor Beistoso as Minister for Foreign Affairs.—United Press.

LA PASSIONARIA FLEES IN PLANE

Oran, Mar. 6. Senor Alberti, Under-Secretary for Air in Republican Spain, arrived here to-day with air force officers and civilians in two planes from Albacete.

A third plane with eight passengers, mostly Russians, also arrived. The passengers included a woman aboard, whom onlookers believed to be the famous woman Communist Deputy of the Cortes, Senora Dolores Ibaruri (La Passionaria).—Reuter Special.

FLEET TO BE INTERNEED?

Algiers, Mar. 6. Units of the Spanish Republican fleet which left Cartagena yesterday are believed to be heading for Bizerta, in order to surrender or to be interned.

When seen off Algiers this morning from the air, the fleet consisted of 11 units, of which the three biggest appeared to be cruisers steaming fast in a line of three abreast.

The complete fleet comprises three cruisers, 14 destroyers, two gunboats, five submarines, three torpedo boats, and also the battleship, Jaime Primo known to be too badly damaged to go to sea.—Reuter Special.

Anti-Aircraft firing practice will be carried out from D'Agulier between hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to-day.

MAHATMA WEAKER

Gandhi Spends A Restless Night

BOMBAY, Mar. 6.

HEART SPECIALISTS are flying to Gandhi at Rajkot. His heart is weakening and blood-pressure is increasing.

The British Resident at Rajkot to-day interviewed Gandhi for half an hour in an effort to find a settlement, so as to enable the Mahatma to break his fast on Tuesday.—United Press.

RESTLESS NIGHT

New Delhi, Mar. 6. A Bulletin issued this evening stated that Gandhi was becoming more exhausted, and that nausea and restlessness had made their appearance.

Mr. E. C. Gibson, Crown representative at Rajkot called on Gandhi to-night and was closeted with him for half an hour, after which Gandhi was busy dictating to his secretary.

Mrs. Gandhi has been released within the limits of the State of Rajkot, and is now with Gandhi.

The Viceroy spent to-day receiving members of the Executive Council individually, as well as Bhulabhai Desai, Congress leader in the Assembly regarding the impasse.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW IN RASHID

Baghdad, Mar. 6. Martial law has been proclaimed by the army headquarters at Rashid, six miles from Baghdad, and in the surrounding districts. (Continued on Page 4.)

Further Riots In Palestine

Many Arabs Die In New Outbreak

JERUSALEM, Mar. 6.

NUMEROUS INCIDENTS occurred in Palestine to-day, the victims, in most cases being Arabs.

Six Arabs were killed in an encounter between the Arabs and the British soldiers, north-west of Haifa. Two Arabs were shot dead by unidentified assailants in the Haifa business district.

A Municipal ambulance car was fired at while driving through the Arab district of Haifa, and a Jewish medical officer was wounded.

The oil pipe line was broken at various places and the oil set afire. The British Military Court at Jerusalem sentenced one Arab to death.—Trans-Ocean.

Heated Tokyo Debate

CHIANG ANNOYS JAPANESE DIET

Chinese Patriot Who Refuses To Sell His Country

THE REFUSAL of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to "lie down and die" brought about a heated debate in the Lower House of the Japanese Diet yesterday.

What, Diet members asked, is Japan going to do about it?

The leader of the Seiyukai Party asked the Premier to inform the House whether he believed that the methods now being employed would result in success.

"I am not in a position to refer to the plan for military operations," the Premier replied.

"Since the Chiang regime still continues its campaign of resistance it must be overthrown."

"In my opinion China herself should help us to overthrow this regime," the Seiyukai leader naively suggested.

CONCERNED THIRD POWERS

The Premier replied that there were other methods as well as military operations. But he refused to specify the methods, because "some of them concerned Third Powers."

Japan, said Baron Jiranuma, would not "necessarily" tag along with the Chiang Kai-shek regime if Chiang would fully fundamentally recast his attitude and adhere to the Japanese policy of re-construction.

The Premier added that the general situation demanded the early organisation of a new Central Government in China.

DIPLOMATIC SITUATION

Reviewing the diplomatic situation, in response to an interpellation, Foreign Minister Arita said that the tripartite anti-Comintern Pact forms the axis of Japan's foreign policy. It was hardly necessary to mention that Japan must take efficient measures to cope with the Comintern, "which is behind the China Incident."

At the same time, he emphasised the necessity of an understanding with Britain, France, and the United States for the sake of the construction of a new order in East Asia, and also for establishing Japan's position in the world.

Mr. Arita said that Japan was not a totalitarian State, and therefore her position was not antagonistic to Britain, France, or the United States.—United Press.

Italian Naval Officer Dies

Execution As Traitor To His Country

ROME, Mar. 6.

THE EXECUTION took place in Fort Bravetta to-day of Antonio Scarpa, an Italian naval officer.

A special tribunal for the Defence of the State had found him guilty of the betrayal of military secrets, and passed sentence of death upon him. Scarpa was born in Trieste, and had served in the Austro-Hungarian navy.

Four other persons were charged with the same offence. Two were sentenced to penal servitude for life, and two were given 30 years imprisonment.—Trans-Ocean.

Silkylight Dies At Valley

SILKYLIGHT, Mr. Eric Moller's champion griffin of 1938, which commenced its racing career in Hongkong last year in a blaze of glory by winning every race in which it started at the annual carnival, is dead.

It died this morning from colic, the complaint which kept it out of the Champion Stakes last Wednesday.

The pony's last race in Hongkong was in the Peking Plate last Tuesday when it won fairly comfortably from King's Warden and Wild Life. In 1938, Silkylight won for Mr. Moller the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. In the latter race, he beat the then unbeaten Liberty Bay in a dramatic race in which he came up in the last furlong to pass the champion.

LATEST

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TENSION IN SHANGHAI

Gendarmes Invade Settlement

Shanghai, Mar. 7. TENSENESS prevailed in the International Settlement to-day when Japanese gendarmes and marines surrounded a Municipal council police station in Yangtzepoo, in the eastern sector, demanding the release of alleged terrorists who fled into the premises of the police station.

Japanese gendarmes raided a shelter of terrorists in Yangtzepoo under Japanese control and rounded up five inmates. Led by one of them, Japanese gendarmes proceeded to arrest the ringleader.

The ringleader named Wang, however, fled into the premises of the Yulin Station of the Municipal Council Police. Several Japanese gendarmes visited the police station and

War In China

JAPANESE CLAIM
PAOYING CAPTUREForeigners Told To Seek
Safety From Mass Air Raids

HSUCHOW, Mar. 7.

VIGOROUS FIGHTING continues to rage in northern Kiangsu as Japanese forces drove in various directions to tighten their cordon around the Chinese forces following the fall of Haichow.

A COMMUNIQUE THIS MORNING CLAIMS THAT PAOYING HAS BEEN CAPTURED.—DOMEI.

FOREIGNERS WARNED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 6.

THE JAPANESE military authorities, through the Japanese Consulate, have informed foreign Consulates in Shanghai of Japanese preparations for ridding the whole of northern Kiangsu, particularly the areas around Hwaiyin, of Chinese guerillas.

The communication asks foreigners to seek safety in other places, and moreover, to designate distinctly foreign property in order to avoid the bombing of such property by aeroplanes.

Meanwhile, the Japanese operations in north Kiangsu continue, and 1,000 Chinese soldiers are reported to have been dispersed near Tienkatsi, which is 70 miles south-west of the Lunghai railway terminus of Haichow.

Since operations in north Kiangsu bring the vast territory east of Kai-feng occupied by the Japanese, closer to the territories controlled by the Peiping and Nanking governments, the Japanese expect intensification of their relations with both governments.

CAPTURE OF HAICHOW

The Japanese are of the opinion that the capture of Haichow, and of Tsinjiao, north-west of Tientsin, will greatly contribute towards the pacification of North China, since no important concentrations of Chinese troops are reported in that area.

The Japanese claim to control all of the North China railway lines, including the Peiping-Hankow, Tientsin-Pukow, and the Tatung-Puchow railways. Moreover, the capture of Haichow is said to render feasible immediate operation of the Lunghai railway between the eastern terminus and the capital of the Honan province, Knifeng.

"RED ROUTE"

The Japanese declare that the only remaining line of resistance is the "Red Route" from Sian to Lanchow.

According to the Japanese, the capture of Tsinjiao in Shansi, despite still prevailing snowy weather, constitutes the most important event in a large number of small operations, carried out mainly in central and western Shansi.—Trans-Ocean.

British Official's
Visit To Germany

London, Mar. 6.

Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the recent visit to Germany of Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin, Mr. R. A. Butler said that he went there to renew personal contacts with German officials, and to exchange views with them on the general economic situation.

No proposals relating to the former German colonies, or the limitation of armaments, were discussed.—Reuter.

A.R.P. Lectures

A series of A.R.P. lectures (modified course) for Air Raid Warden instructors and Air Raid Wardens will be held at Wai Yan College, Robinson Road, every Wednesday at 8.30 p.m., commencing to-morrow.

The lectures will be given by Mr. L. D. Skinner, and the public are cordially invited to attend.



Mrs. V. V. Neeba (facing camera) with friends at the Ladies' Day Race Meeting last week.—Staff Photographer.

No Communists In New Madrid
Defence Council: War To Go On?

PARIS, Mar. 6.

BORDER REPORTS STATE THAT GENERAL CASADO HAS RADIOED TO GENERAL FRANCO OFFERING AS A PEACE BASIS, CONCILIATION, INDEPENDENCE, AND LIBERTY.

He invited the Burgos Government to make an honourable peace, promising Spanish liberation from foreign influence.—United Press.

New Defence Council

Madrid, Mar. 6.

Chiefs of the Madrid front army arrived at general headquarters all the morning to support the National Council for Defence. General Casado telephonically received the approval of all the army corps, all civil governors, and all political sections except the Communists.

Now that the Negrin Cabinet has resigned, some ex-Ministers are coming to Madrid to support the Council if their collaboration is needed or accepted.

All civil governors reported that all was quiet within their respective provinces.

COMMUNISTS ISOLATED

A cordon of soldiers has been thrown around the Communist centres in Madrid to prevent unauthorised persons approaching or entering.

The new Council has been favourably received by the general population of Madrid.

The city is very quiet, though as a precaution, six-inch light guns and machine guns have been strategically posted at street corners, and troops are confined to barracks.

However, there are no signs of revolt, disorder, or disapproval of any kind, and public services are all normal.

PEACE LESS REMOTE

The people are wondering what will be the next step, as the probabilities of a bloodless termination to the civil war is much less remote than when Dr. Negrin was ruling.

According to a Burgos message, the significance of the dramatic developments in the Republican zone is considered to be extremely difficult to assess. While the nature of the new Defence Council indicates that the Communist elements have been thrown out, the broadcast statements of its leaders are regarded as indicating determination to continue to fight, unless the Nationalists give conditions for surrender, which they have hitherto refused.

BALANCE SWAYING

But as General Casado and General Miaja are both military men with full appreciation that their defence must collapse before the Nationalist offensive, it is thought here that the Council has been formed as an organising body for ultimate surrender.

The general feeling in Burgos is that the balance is swaying between anarchy and orderly surrender, with the balance towards the latter.—Reuter.

NAVY OFF NIGERIA

London, Mar. 6.

Eleven ships of the Spanish Republican Navy were sighted on Monday morning in the neighbourhood of the Nigerian coast. It is believed they were making for Oran to surrender to the French authorities.

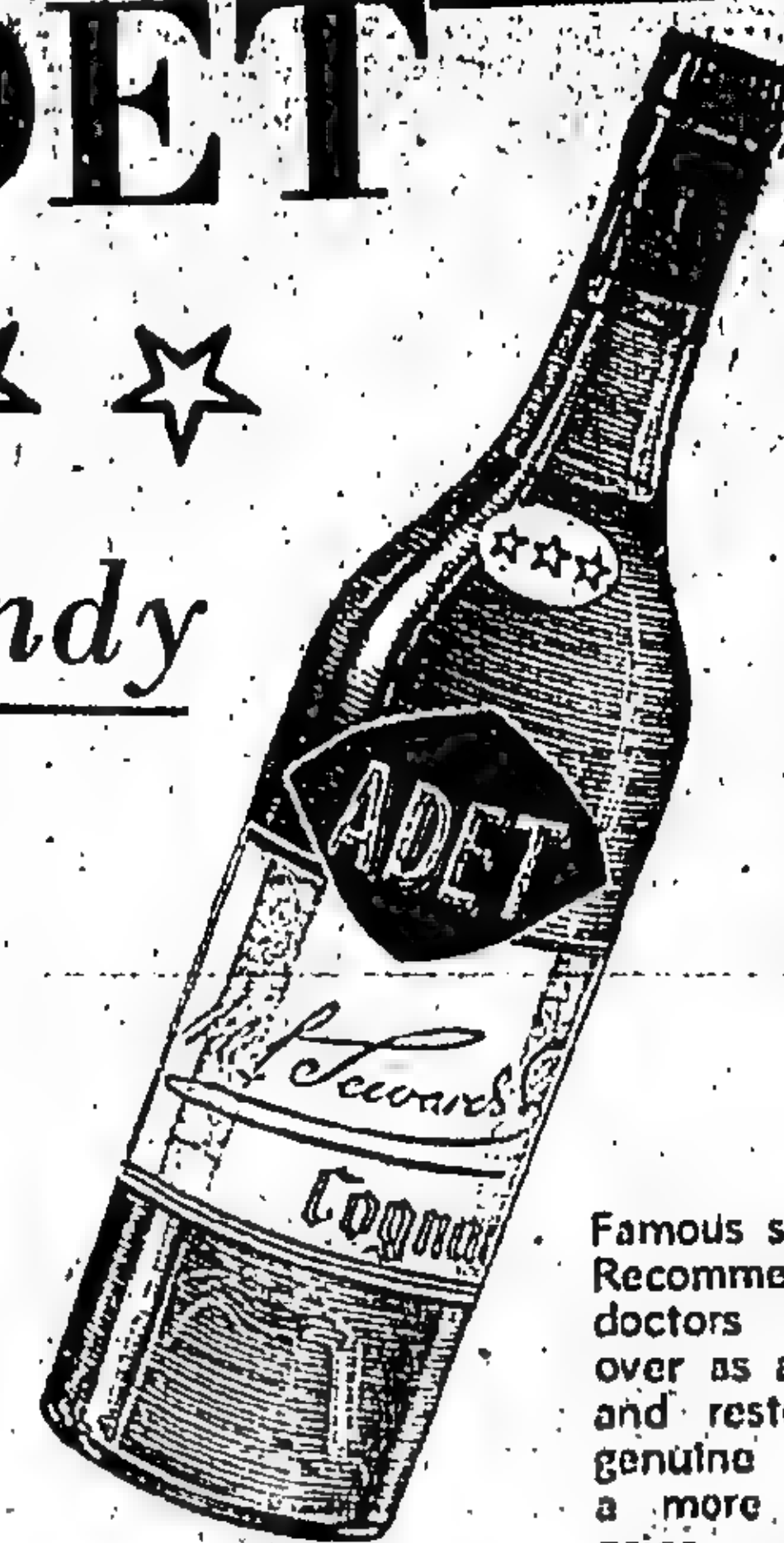
A Paris message says that the leading part in the Coup d'Etat in Madrid is ascribed less to Colonel Casado than to the moderate Socialist politician and former President of the Cortes, Senor Besteiro.

It is affirmed that Casado is prevented by ill-health from playing a (Continued on Page 7.)

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For	Per	Date and Time
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Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Central Emp. of Russia		Tues, Mar. 7.
and S. America via Vancouver	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
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25th March and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Reg.	Mar. 8, 6.15 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 8, 10 a.m.
Wednesday		
Canton	Canton Maru	Wed, Mar. 8, 1.15 a.m.
Amoy	Tientsin	Wed, Mar. 8, 5.30 a.m.
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Swatow	Parcels	Mar. 8, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Esang	Wed, Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Chuanchow	Kweiyang	Wed, Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.
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IN THE COURTS

Profits From Sale Of Diseased Food

MENTIONING THAT the public was in danger of contracting food poisoning by purchasing diseased chickens, Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton asked Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to take a serious view of a case against Leung Ki, 31, who was charged with the possession of unwholesome food.

Army Officer Summoned Sequel To Accident On The Peak

AN ACCIDENT in Barker Road, The Peak, had a sequel before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Lt. N. H. M. D'Oyly, of the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots, was summoned for driving along a closed road without a permit, and for driving without due care and caution.

Lt. D'Oyly did not appear in Court in answer to the summonses, and the case was determined in his absence. Inspector S. C. Saunders said that he was informed about 8.30 a.m. on February 27 that a traffic accident had occurred in Barker Road. He went there, and saw a private car almost completely blocking the road; only pedestrians and rickshaws could pass through. The car had also broken some railings on the north side of the road and its front wheels were projected over the edge. The Inspector ascertained that the car belonged to Lt. D'Oyly. Witness later saw Lt. D'Oyly, who told him that he had been taking a lady companion home along Barker Road when the accident had happened about 1 a.m. that day. Lt. D'Oyly added that there was a heavy fog over the road at the time. The second charge was withdrawn. Lt. D'Oyly was convicted on the first charge, and fined \$25. His Worship remarked that under the circumstances, with the road covered in fog, there was quite an amount of danger in the defendant driving along the road, particularly as he did not know it well.

In evidence, Inspector Sinton said that about 10 a.m. on Sunday, he raided the ground floor of No. 15 Wai Ching Street, Yau-mat, as he entered the house, two men who had been dressing poultry and preparing other food ran away. Witness found that there were about 60 lbs. of poultry in an unwholesome condition in the premises. The chickens were smelling badly and had a dirty grey colour, indicating that they had died several hours previous to the raid. The defendant informed witness that the poultry were to be sold in the streets. Inspector Sinton said that house was crowded with tenants and the business was obviously one of preparing cooked food for sale in the streets. The food was disguised so as to cover any apparent signs that its ingredients had been diseased. Consequently, the people who bought it did not know what they were really buying. "It is really surprising," added the Inspector, "how they can meet heavy fines imposed, and this shows that it is really a paying business. They are very difficult to catch and these arrests are incidentally made on information. This shows that they are pretty well established and had been going on for some while." Leung was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour.

Germans Read More New Testaments

Berlin, Mar. 6. The printing and sale of Bibles and New Testaments in the German language have greatly increased in Germany since 1932, according to a statement issued here by the Prussian Bible Society, which states that 830,000 Bibles and New Testaments were printed in 1932, and in 1933 this increased to over 800,000, while in 1937, the total of 927,000 were printed and sold. A report that no Bibles had been printed in Germany since 1932 was not true.—Trans-Ocean.

Company Meetings

Land Investment Co. Chairman Traces Fifty-Year Growth

REFERENCE TO the Company's early history, which had been closely associated with the development of the Colony, was made by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, at the Fifty-First ordinary general meeting of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, which was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited at noon to-day.

Telephone Company

Extension In Equipment Will Be Made Shortly

EXTENSIONS TO the Hongkong Telephone Company's equipment would be made shortly to meet the abnormal growth of the system, declared Mr. J. H. Taggart, managing director, when presiding at the annual meeting of the company to-day.

Reporting increased business during the year, Mr. Taggart attributed it to the abnormal conditions in the Far East and said the ability of the company to meet the heavy demand for service and carry the extremely high traffic was due to the foresight which had provided a substantial margin of equipment and the loyal support of the staff.

In his review of the year Mr. Taggart said: "The results of the year as indicated by the accounts are eminently satisfactory but should, I suggest, be regarded to a material extent as reflecting the abnormal conditions which have existed in the Far East during the year. You will observe that \$50,000 has accrued to Government from royalties and represents an increase of \$8,535 over that paid in 1937. BUILDING RESERVES

The amount charged for depreciation is shown at \$521,524.38 and, although this is considerably higher than for the preceding year, your directors are convinced that, having regard to the unsettled outlook in relation to world affairs generally, it behoves your company to embrace the opportunity presented of further strengthening the financial structure in the safe-guarding of your capital investment. This is in conformity

with the policy which has actuated your directors since the inception of the company and which at all times obtained the full endorsement of Shareholders. The balance from working account exceeds that for the previous year by \$200,000.23 and is attributable mainly to the augmented subscription revenue derived from the large number of additional connections made during 1938. It will, I feel, be appropriate at this juncture to explain that the ability of your company to accept the heavy demand for service and adequately to carry the extremely high traffic originating therefrom, has only been made possible by the foresight which provided a substantial margin of equipment to meet emergencies and by the loyal support of all grades of the staff. I am of the opinion that there are few other telephone administrations, situated as your company is, which could so satisfactorily over an extended period, have continued to provide service on demand.

NEW EQUIPMENT Your company's resources, however, continue to be severely taxed and the continuance of the abnormal rate of growth of the system necessitates the provision of additional exchange equipment at all main exchanges.

Anticipating this situation, your directors had already authorised the drawing up of specifications and the preparation of technical details, and these were submitted to the manufacturers some time ago. As much preliminary work as could be undertaken in advance has, therefore, been completed and your manager has been instructed to proceed to London so that final arrangements can be concluded and the order for the new equipment placed with a minimum of delay. I am confident that your directors' action in this matter will merit your approval. Under the heading interest, dividends and exchange, an increase of \$33,049.05 is recorded which, I feel sure, you will regard as satisfactory. Turning now to the balance sheet, and referring to the liabilities sheet, you will observe that, subject to your approval, it is recommended that the customary annual appropriation of \$170,482.60 be made to general reserve. On the contra side it will be seen that investments show a depreciation of \$560,468.38 on cost, which works out at a fraction over 10 per cent, as against 9.5 per cent, at December 31, 1937, and in present world conditions continue to prevail, it is unlikely that any material improvement in market values can be anticipated.

The necessity for the provision of an investment fluctuation reserve is obvious and has been stressed from this chair for some years. I do not propose, therefore, again to emphasise this point except to emphasise that, whereas your company is both able and willing to adjust the matter, we have not yet been able to obtain the requisite authority for removal of the technical objection to this course of procedure, in which relation I may add that, having regard to present conditions, it is difficult to see how permission can reasonably be withheld much longer. CANTON SERVICE HOPES

This year has witnessed the suspension of trunk service to Canton and has completely nullified the good work previously accomplished in the provision of a telephone network linking Hongkong with all the more important cities in China. Your manager recently visited Canton to explore the possibilities of re-opening the service but was not impressed with the prospects for an early resumption, however, the American interests operating telephones in Canton have performed Trojan work in re-establishing the domestic service there, and are using all means at their disposal to facilitate the restoration of the trunk service.

The cash position as displayed under the heading current assets is a favourable one and must afford members considerable satisfaction. It will, I feel confident, be appreciated that there is no incentive to your company to purchase investments under prevailing conditions involving the risk of capital depreciation, while such depreciation cannot be adjusted from revenue, and where the interest on such invested funds would convey no benefit to shareholders. The profit and losses appropriation account incorporates the recom-

Mr. Paterson said the Company had travelled a long way since 1889. At present, he said, over \$15,000,000 was invested in property.

The Chairman's report is as follows: You will have noticed that you have before you the 50th Report, the occasion provides me with an excuse to give you a little of the Company's early history.

The growth and progress of the Land Company has been associated closely with the development of this Colony. It was incorporated in March, 1889, with a capital of \$2,500,000. To-day this has been increased to \$10,000,000, of which \$7,500,000 have been issued, and we have a sum of over \$15,000,000 invested in property.

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SIR ROBERT'S HEALTH Before passing on to the Accounts (Continued on Page 4.)

mentations of your directors in the matter of the allocations of the balance, and is, I think, self-explanatory.

I now propose that the report of the directors and the accounts, be adopted and that the following appropriations, recommended by your directors be carried into effect: Transfer to general reserve (bringing same up to \$1,277,410.00) ... \$170,482.60 Final dividend of 8 per cent, payable March 7 450,000.00 Carry forward unappropriated ... 149,523.04 Total ... \$770,005.64

DIRECTORS THANKED Mr. E. M. Macdonald said: The gratifying results displayed by the company presented to us, coupled with the policy outlined in your remarks leave little outlet for further comment. The directorate has to be congratulated on being able to pursue a policy which, while furthering technical development, nevertheless consolidates the basic financial structure and delays the calling up of fresh capital, with its consequential annual charges, until the outlook on world affairs becomes less obscure. In concluding, I am confident that, in thinking the directorate, management and staff of all departments, affording recognition of the higher degree of responsibility and effort occasioned by the rapid expansion of our business, I am merely voicing the opinion of the whole body of Shareholders. I now formally second the adoption of the accounts. The proposal was approved unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. K. C. Mark, seconded by Mr. D. Tolan, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and Hon. Mr. L. Shields were re-elected directors. In proposing the re-election of Mr. Bingham and Matthews as auditors, Mr. Taggart also proposed an increase in their remuneration from \$3,400 to \$4,000 which, he said, was justified by the increased work. The proposition was seconded by Mr. A. N. Braude and approved.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING Following the annual meeting an extraordinary meeting was held when Mr. Taggart proposed a long list of alterations to the articles of association. Most of them, he said, were to bring the articles into line with changes in the Companies Ordinance since the formation of the company. Referring to a proposal to increase the directors' fees from \$3,000 to \$4,000, he said there had been no increase since 1933 and in view of the increase in the cost of living, and the additional responsibility thrown on the directors in recent years, he considered their remuneration should be more commensurate. The proposal was seconded by Mr. A. McKellar and approved.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. J. H. Taggart (managing director), Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Sir Robert Kerr, Mr. D. H. H. V. Wilkinson (directors), J. F. Sherry (manager), W. L. McKellar (secretary), and E. M. Macdonald, D. Tolan, A. N. Braude, W. G. Griffin, K. C. Mark, Chiu Ho-ping, Wong Lie-min and P. C. Fong (shareholders).

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MAHATMA WEAKER

(Continued from Page 1.)

A number of suspects have been arrested.

A laconic statement on behalf of the Government ascribes the trouble to "mischief-makers."—Reuter.

WHY GANDHI IS FASTING

London, Mar. 6. A statement was made in the House of Commons by the Under Secretary for India on the circumstances in which Mr. Gandhi began his fast which has already lasted three days on the question of reforms in Rajkot.

Colonel Muirhead said on March 2, Mr. Gandhi sent an ultimatum to the ruler of Rajkot State suggesting that he should set up a committee to recommend a scheme of constitutional advance in the state. The committee was to consist of four members chosen by the ruler, and five members including the chairman named by Mr. Gandhi. Three Officers of State to be appointed by Mr. Gandhi might be appointed as advisers to the committee without the right to vote.

The committee was to start work on March 7, and report by March 22. Its recommendations were to be put into force within seven days, subject to their examination by Mr. Gandhi or Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel. Mr. Gandhi undertook to allow nothing to remain in these recommendations which would affect the prestige of the ruler, his State or his subjects.

Mr. Gandhi also stated that all political prisoners must be released, and all laws for political offences removed. Failing acceptance of these suggestions Mr. Gandhi threatened to fast. The ruler rejected this ultimatum and Mr. Gandhi began to fast on March 3. The ruler has denied he has broken any of his undertakings in connection with the appointment of a reforms committee, and the crown representative did not consider a case to the contrary had been made out.—British Wireless.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fiftieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 9th March, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1938 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25th February to 9th March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 16th February, 1939.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 27th March, 1939, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 16th to 27th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1939.

Rare Chess Set Owned

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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 11th March, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1939.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

has one of the oldest carved chess sets in the world. According to the family records, the chess set pieces were carved in Holland in the 17th century. They are made of solid ivory, and are yellowed with age.

G. R.

HONG KONG EVENING INSTITUTE

The Evening Institute will re-open on Monday, 13th March, 1939.

Entry Forms may be obtained at the Education Office, New Fire Station Building, or at the Trade School, Wantan.

J. RALSTON,
Director.

LAND INVESTMENT CO. CHAIRMAN TRACES FIFTY-YEAR GROWTH

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there is one other matter about which I want to talk.

Your Board was extremely sorry to receive on January 3 this year a letter from Sir Robert Ho Tung in which he resigned from his directorship for reasons of health. Sir Robert was invited to join your Board on February 18, 1913, so you will see that his invaluable services have been given for over a quarter of a century and I can assure you that his experience and wise counsel will be sadly missed.

Turning to the accounts the figures before you reflect twelve months trading during which the demand for both business and living quarters has taxed supply to the utmost. The amount at the credit of Profit and Loss Account is just over \$240,000 more than for 1937.

CITY DEVELOPMENT

In my speech last year I referred to the necessity for redeveloping M. L. 278 (1A Chater Road and 2 Cornhill Road) and M. L. 2c (12 & 12A Des Voeux Road Central). So far no move has been made with either of these properties but your Board hopes to take early action with the latter thanks to the recent purchase of M. L. 2c Section B by 12A Queen's Road Central.

By acquiring this site your Company now owns a most valuable area extending through from Des Voeux Central to Queen's Road Central, a channel through the heart of the business and shopping district.

There is one small land sale to record that of the western half of L.L. 2821 (Praya East Reclamation, vacant land), which was made at a satisfactory price. In passing, I mention that the remaining portion was disposed of equally attractively during January this year.

As usual the profit has been transferred to General Reserve Account.

In Profit and Loss Appropriation Account you will see that a final dividend of \$1.25 per share is proposed which with the interim dividend makes a total of \$2.50 per share for 1938—50 cents better than 1937.

GLoucester HOTEL PROFIT
Taking advantage of the exceptional profit shown by the Working Account of the Gloucester Hotel, it is proposed to appropriate once more the sum of \$50,000 to write down furnishing, fittings and fixtures. You can be certain that these assets now stand at a very conservative figure, which, of course, is where such rather transitory things should stand.

An item that appears for the first time is \$24,000, required to write time gradually those properties which are held from Government under either 75 or 99 years leases, and not under 999 years, such as exists with your central properties, which can run on as now for the next seven centuries or so.

The scale of appropriation has been worked out to bring the book values to nil coincidental with the expiry of the leases.

I think people in this Colony are apt to forget that Government, as trustees for the Colony, owns all land; we lease and develop it. The renewal of these short term leases is being discussed now.

You will notice that the proposed carry forward is greater this year by \$68,703.38, in support of this your Board desires to point out experience in lean years shows only too clearly how imperative it is for any land concern to nurse tenants over periods of bad trading and to take a sympathetic attitude about rentals.

It never pays to destroy good tenants. The carry forward is available for any allocation which later may



THE HONGKONG DOG Show will be held in St. John's Place on Sunday March 19, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor. Here is one of the entries.

Dogs and Cats Entered For Colony Prize Show

ALTHOUGH entries for Hongkong's Dog Show to be held at St. John's Place on March 19 closed at noon to-day, the full list of entrants will not be known until to-morrow, as some may still be in the post.

Holocaust In Ninghsia

Indiscriminate Bombing Of Capital

Lanchow, Mar. 7.

EXTENDING THEIR bombing operations to far-flung Ninghsia, 15 Japanese planes, flying from Suiyuan, staged a terrific air raid over Ninghsia, the provincial capital, yesterday.

A large number of bombs were dumped indiscriminately in the outskirts of the city. Investigation of the losses sustained, which are believed to be considerable, is still proceeding.

After the attack, the Japanese raiders flew away in a southerly direction passing over northern Shensi.

Yenan, in northern Shensi, and Hangchow, in east Shensi, on the Yellow River bank, were also bombed by Japanese planes yesterday. Scores of missiles were rained in the suburbs of Yenan and seven outside Hangchow.—Central News.

REPORT ADOPTED

After Mr. D. V. Stevenson had seconded this proposal, the report and accounts were adopted.

The appointment of Mr. M. K. Lo to join the Board was then confirmed, while Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. T. E. Pearce were re-elected Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Selth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,250 each.

Besides the Chairman, those present were: Messrs. A. H. Compton, T. E. Pearce, F. A. Joseph, S. T. Williamson, A. Raymond, M. K. Lo (Directors), O. Eager (Secretary), J. Gardner, H. Gittens, B. C. Field, D. Landale, D. L. Newbigging, Kwok Hin-wang, R. M. G. Silva, A. S. Gomes, F. C. Hall, and H. W. M. Dulle.

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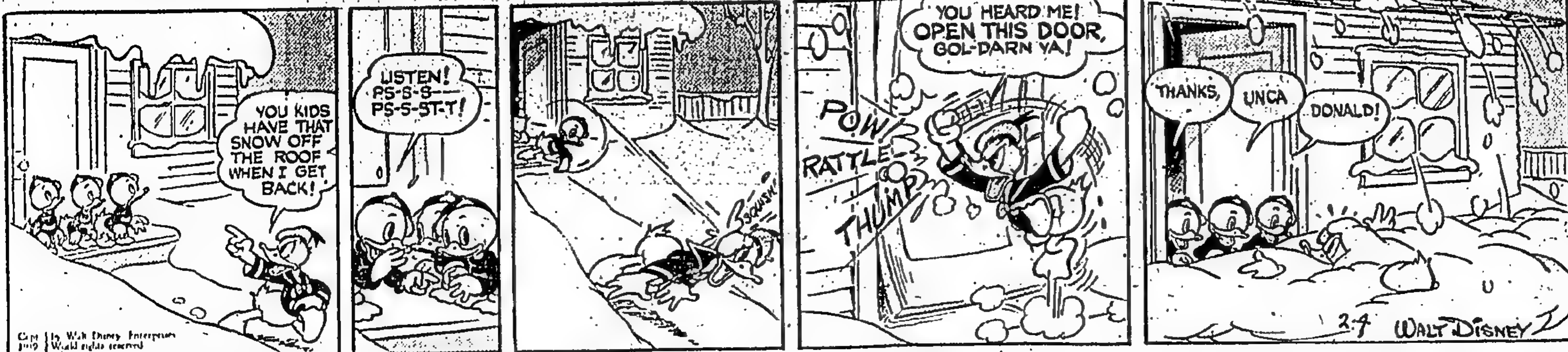
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New Yangtse Protest

Germans Collaborate With Other Nationals

CHUNGKING, Mar. 7. BRITISH, Italian, German and Portuguese shipping companies in Shanghai have requested their respective consulates-general to lodge fresh protests with the Japanese Government over the stringent control over navigation along the lower reaches of the Yangtse River, according to Shanghai dispatch.

On the pretext of military operations in north Kiangsu, the Japanese have blockaded all harbours with the exception of Tsinglungkang in Haimen, Tienhsungkang in Nantungchow, Hainshengkang in Jukao, Tienhsungkang in Taining, Hochichiao in Yangchow, and three others.

Shipping of third Parties has been greatly affected.—Central News.

Queen Victoria Of China

London, Mar. 6. "Madame Chiang Kai-shek means to China to-day what Queen Victoria meant to Great Britain," declared Mr. G. W. Shepherd, confidential adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of a tribute to the splendid work the Chinese women were doing for their country.

Mr. Shepherd, who is spending a short time in London en route to New York, from where he will return to China, expressed the belief that the war in China will continue for at least another three years, and would not end in the defeat of China.

The mistake Japan had made since the beginning of the conflict was that she had not taken into account the new spirit in China.

China's greatest need to-day was medicines, and this would become even greater during the next three years.—Reuter.

PALESTINE TALKS

Objections To British Proposals

London, Mar. 6. THE BRITISH and Arab delegations held a lengthy meeting this morning when they continued discussion of the British proposals, and the Arab objections to them. The meeting will be continued to-morrow.

To-day's meeting of the Jewish conference committee was postponed until to-morrow.

"Reuter" was informed in authoritative Jewish quarters that this afternoon's meeting of the committee was postponed because it was thought that to-morrow's informal meeting with the British Government delegates might make it clear whether or not the British suggestions were liable to modification.

If they are so liable, then to-morrow's meeting of the committee is expected to discuss the counter-proposals to be put forward by the Jewish delegates.

JEW'S GO BACK

The three foremost Palestine members of the Jewish delegation, namely, Ben-Zvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council in Palestine, Mossinson, Education Director of the Council, and Suprasky, called on Mr. Malcolm MacDonald at 4 o'clock to-day.

It is understood they said farewell as they are leaving for Palestine this week.

Arab circles in London profess to be mystified by the news from Egypt of an approach to the Mufti to obtain his consent to the revised proposals.

It is stated that the initiative for such a move has not come from the Arab delegates in London, and that a cablegram from the Mufti this morning did not refer to any such proposals.

The meeting with the Arab committee this morning dealt with the British proposals and the Arab counter-proposals. The Arab delegates described progress as slow. They declined to admit they were satisfied with the position, but agreed that they were not dissatisfied.—Reuter.

A.R.P. NECESSITY STRESSED IN ZBW STUDIO BROADCAST

THE FACT THAT Air Raid Precautions are being organised in the Colony does not mean that we are on the brink of war, declared Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins in a broadcast from ZBW studio last night. On the contrary, he added, a state of full preparedness might well help to avert war by persuading any potential enemy that air raids upon the civilian population will not cause the alarm which such raids would seek to effect.

The following is the full text of the address: "At 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will honour us by attending the A.R.P. Exhibition at the Peninsula Hotel. Lady Northcote has very kindly consented to open the exhibition, which will continue on March 9, 10, 11, and 12, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The exhibition is free and all will be welcome.

"The fact that A.R.P. are being organised in the Colony does not mean that we are on the brink of war, on the contrary, a state of full preparedness might well help to avert war by persuading any potential enemy that air raids upon the civilian population will not cause the alarm which such raids would seek to effect.

REMOVING AIR MENACE

"The services adequate to cope with the effect of air raids could not be improvised at the last moment. The sooner that our preparations are made, the better, so that until man has devised some other means of removing the menace from the air the people of this Colony should make themselves so well informed and trained in air raid precautions that the subject will become as familiar to them as the rules of road safety. These safety rules have not prevented all accidents but they have reduced them considerably, and by co-operating with air raid precautions the possible consequences of air raids can be very substantially reduced.

"I hope that those who have not yet taken an active interest in A.R.P. will find time to visit the Exhibition and derive an incentive to take what steps they can to protect not only themselves but others who may require enlightenment and assistance, and that everyone will resolve to play his or her part in the service of their country which has never had to call in vain for the help of her people.

"But (and it is a very important little word) it is necessary if you resolve to play your part, you must be fully trained in A.R.P. beforehand and not wait until the last moment when possibly those who would have been available to give you the necessary instructions will be taking up their allotted posts in the passive defence of the Colony.

THREE CHIEF DANGERS "The danger from aircraft can be divided into three main categories: (1) High explosive bombs. (2) Incendiary bombs. (3) Gas bombs or gas spray. "The damage likely to be caused by high explosive bombs will be extensive and it is practically impossible to protect buildings from the effects of a direct hit. We can, however, give protection to a great extent against the effects of blast and splinters.

"Incendiary bombs constitute a very serious danger from the numerous fires they will cause but if prompt action is taken they can be dealt with and major conflagrations prevented.

"The use of gas is prohibited by the Geneva Gas Protocol signed in 1925, but war itself is a means of settling international disputes has also been outlawed by most of the great nations.

CANNOT RULE OUT GAS

"I think it would be foolish to rule out altogether the possibility of gas being used and therefore preparations to meet this type of attack must form a part of any A.R.P. scheme. It is to be said that if the general public have been trained in what to do should gas warfare be employed, the chances of its being used by any potential enemy would be reduced considerably, as the enemy's objective mainly to cause panic and disorganization would not be effective on a trained population and the same would not be worth the expenditure or the effort involved.

"The methods by which a high degree of protection can be obtained against all forms of air attack will be on view at the Exhibition. Miniature models incorporating all the latest devices which can be employed to reduce the risk of damage from bombing will be on view. Exhaustive tests of the effects of all types of bombs have been carried out in England and very valuable data has thus been obtained—this information will be available for you at the Exhibition.

"An enthusiastic band of qualified A.R.P. instructors will be on duty at the Exhibition and will be only too pleased to give any members of the public the fullest possible information on the subject.

"Last but not least, there will be established at the Exhibition a 'General Information Office' at which volunteers register their names for a course of A.R.P. training, and thus help Government to carry out this great humanitarian work to the highest degree of efficiency.

TENSION IN SHANGHAI

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The Japanese to the station was also taken into its premises. Reinforced by the marines patrolling in the vicinity, the Japanese force led by Lt.-Commander Hayashi and Lieutenant Mizuno of the Special Landing Party, surrounded the police station to prevent escape of the criminals.

Deputy-Commissioner Akagi of the Municipal Council Police intervened in the meantime and finally the criminals in question were handed over to the Japanese. The Japanese marines then withdrew.

Later in the afternoon negotiations were still in progress for winding up the day's event between the Japanese authorities and the Municipal Council Police.—Domei.

PUPPET CHIEF'S NARROW ESCAPE

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7. Chu Kan-ting, 45-years-old chief of the Nanwai Customs Station of the "Reformed Government" narrowly escaped death yesterday when two unidentified Chinese armed with pistols broke into his residence on Connaught Road in the extra Settlement area.

Visiting Chu's residence at 7:40 a.m. the intruders demanded the family to take them to Chu. Forcing their way into Chu's bedroom, the gunmen emptied their arms at the inmates.

Mr. Chu buried himself in his bed-clothes and escaped being injured. —Domei.

ONE-EYED SAM

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and some-one thought to mention One-Eyed Sam. He was by no means unknown in police circles, having half-a-dozen or so convictions to his debit. Officials were inclined to suspect my friend of a further escapade, but I indignantly flouted the idea. How could such an old and infirm fellow perform such perilous gymnastics? But my confidence was fast winning.

THE END was not yet. Some twelve months later I spied the old fraud again in the neighbourhood.

With the tenacity of the practised old hand he evidently supposed me to be even more dreamy-eyed than in the case—necessitated me with the time-worn trick of a dirty scrap of paper purporting to something or other.

I eyed him and asked where my \$10 was? Sam turned not a hair, nor did his expression change; he merely spluttered an indignant denial and made off—at no infirm gait, by the way.

Is this the finale? At all events I am convinced—nearly—at the inanity of indiscriminate surrender to the incessant cry of "Cumshaw, mis-sie, cumshaw!"

Their Majesties' Visit To Canada

London, Mar. 6. Their Majesties' departure for Canada, originally arranged for May 8, has been altered to May 6 in view of the possibility of their arrival in Quebec being delayed by weather conditions.

Their arrival in Quebec will be May 15, as scheduled in the first place. —Reuter.

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12.30 Compositions of Darius.

Brigg Fair... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Geoffrey Toye; To the Queen of My Heart, Love's Philosophy... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano); Hassan (Incidental Music)... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham; Caprice, Elegie... Harrison (Cello) with Orchestra.

1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 Al Bellingham at the Organ. "Rosalie" Selection (Cole Porter); Once in a While (Green-Edwards); Irving Berlin Memories.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—My Sweetie Went Away; Hound in Harlem... Scott Wood and His Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus; Slow Fox-Trot—Blazin' The Trail... Billy Cotton and His Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Rev. Canon Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith. Subject: "After Twenty-Seven Years."

2.15 Close Down. 2.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Sweet and Slow; (b) Coffee and Kisses; (c) Lovelight in the Stairlight; (d) Swingin' Annie Laurie. 6.14 Record: The A.B.C. March

(Foot and Ferring); Keep Smiling! (Reginald Foot's Signature Tune). Reginald Foot at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.

6.21 (a) To-night we love; (b) Skronch; (c) My own; (d) Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen.

6.35 Records: In The Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill); I've Got You Under My Skin (film "Born to Dance"); Peter Yorke (Piano); Swing! Mister Charlie (Taylor, Brooks); Judy Garland (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Sweet as a Song; (b) Swing low Sweet Chariot; (c) Now it can be told; (d) My walking stick.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 B.B.C. Recording—"Victorian Melodies." A Musical Sequence. Produced and conducted by Sinfon Robinson.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 London Relay—"Royal Palace."

8.10 Buckingham Palace; Written by L. Du Garde Peach. Produced by H. Rooney Pelletier.

8.30 Studio—Luba Shaftain (Piano) playing "Kreislereien" by Schumann. 8.55 Schumann—Trio in D Minor, Op. 63. Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Operation (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. J. H. Squire).

10.00 London Relay—"Sweet Serenade." A pot-pourri of romantic tunes played by The Seven Sorcerers and sung by Eileen Vaughan and the Three Nomads.

10.30 Compositions of Haydn. Overture in D Major... Orchestra De La Societe Des Concerts cond. by Edward Fendler; Symphony No. 102 in B Flat Major... Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

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We Must have Them

HONGKONG, by an accident of geography, is peculiarly vulnerable from the air, and the wisdom of the present methods of dealing with defence from air attack is seriously open to question.

An exhibition which is to open at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow will not lessen the disquiet that has been simmering in the public mind. Experience in a city less than a hundred miles away from this Colony has shown that in thickly populated areas deep shelters are the only certain defence against bombs. Where deep shelters are not used, as in China, casualties have been heavy. In Spain, and particularly Barcelona, where subterranean shelters were constructed, casualties were reduced to almost nil and the danger of panic was eliminated.

Hongkong's geographical position makes this Colony the most vulnerable part of the British Empire in the event of war in the Pacific involving Britain. But our topography makes it possible for us to purchase comparative immunity for almost the entire population at a fraction of the cost to cities which have no hills into which tunnels can be burrowed.

Hongkong has been too near to aerial warfare to delude itself that the existing Air Raid precautions are by any means adequate. We have seen a succession of vast and intensive air bombardments shocking and devastating in their effect less than a hundred miles from our own city; we have had living men and women torn and mangled even in our own territory. Our weakness lies in our uneducated population, and our enemy's advantage will surely lie in attempting to smash the morale of those people. Only one thing can prevent any threat to that morale and that is the knowledge by the masses that real security lies in our Colony.

Given that deep shelters can give it: shallow makeshifts certainly cannot—there is no reason why Hongkong should not be as safe as cities a thousand miles further from the scene of conflict. Besides, common humanity and the need to protect even our humblest citizen from unnecessary shock and suffering dictate that we should adopt the most effective method of defence.

The Only Way

FOR THE thickly populated, vulnerable areas the deep shelter is the only safe defence. In Hongkong we are fortunate that we can dig horizontally into mountain-sides instead of vertically into the bowels of the earth for shelter.

Government is calling for thousands of volunteers to man the various passive defence forces that are being formed in this Colony. Volunteers should demand, as a *quid pro quo*, that Government seriously take into hand this question of tunnels. In order to give safeguards for women and children that all the auxiliary fire-fighters, decontamination squads, auxiliary nurses and other voluntary organizations will not be able to provide.

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These are strange words to-day, but less than ninety years ago they were the war-cry of a militant group in England who were deter-

THIS WAS OLD HONGKONG

mined to force public opinion to realise that this was the only rational course.

They even carried their agitation to Parliament, and the House of Commons in the early part of the year 1847 was seriously invited to consider the abandonment of the island, because it was causing positive injury to Britain.

The agitation voiced by the anti-Hongkong group was echoed by the efforts of song-writers, who brought into existence a number of ribald airs lampooning "the barren rock" way out in China, predicting that if Hongkong were not abandoned, then Heaven would see to it that it turned out to be of no earthly advantage to the possessor.

One of these ditties, strangely enough, was written by a pirate convict in Victoria Gaol. Sung to the tune of "Hail Columbia," it had as its chorus the following malediction:

"Some day praps earthquakes
her foundation
will shake to its deep base in
the sea.
A blessing 'twill be to each
nation
When she's crush'd to all
Eternity."

IT SEEMS absurd to modern readers that there were so many people so rabidly opposed to possession of the Colony.

However, that was apparently the normal state in the late 'forties and early 'fifties, and some of those afflicted with "Hongkongphobia" attained for a time considerable notoriety and a large following.

Imagine some one nowadays making a statement such as this about the Colony in which we live:

"I have devoted twenty years of my life to the investigation of the Colonies of England," said Mr. Robert Montgomery Martin, H. M. Treasurer for the Colonial and Consular Service in China, speaking in March 1847 to the Parliamentary Committee of the House of Commons. "An examination of Hongkong in its most favourable aspect, induces me to entertain the opinion . . . that Hongkong will never become a commercial depot; that it is unsuitable for a Colony by reason of its rocky site and barren structure, and incapable of producing food for one day for its inhabitants; . . . and from every point of view I consider the selection of Hongkong as the most unfortunate step that has been taken with regard to our position in China. The occupation of such a wretched spot has

brought great discredit upon us."

THOSE IN favour of retaining the island as a Colony were accustomed to quote the words of Sir John Francis Davis, the second Governor of Hongkong, who said: "Mark my words, gentlemen, Hongkong will some day be the Carthage of the East."

The Colony's enemies at Home, however, gave these prophetic words the veritable "horse-laugh," and guffawed in reply: "Of course, Sir John Davis is an old China hand . . . he's been out in the East so long that the tropical sun . . . has affected his head. He ought to know better . . . in any case, it is impossible to raise revenue from such a place."

"The endeavour to squeeze as much as possible out of a poor struggling settlement necessarily causes irritation."

"How is one going to raise a revenue when there is not one respectable Chinese inhabitant in the island, and never has been? Indeed, no respectable Chinese will live at Hongkong."

IN ORDER to force the issue, the clique of malcontents in England, who were determined that the Government should be made to rectify its "mistake" in regard to the selection of Hongkong, would quote statements from those who had been out here when the Colony was founded, and they singled out the climate to prove their case.

The following is a description of the rainy season of Hongkong, taken from the pen of a man who left the Colony in 1844:

"Towards the end of May, and throughout June, July, and August, and part of September, the rain descends in torrents, with a force of continuance, such as is never seen in India, Africa, Australasia, or any other part of the world."

"The clouds pour down one vast sheet of water, washing away hills and rocks, surrounding the island with deep ravines, and saturating the soft, porous, putrescent strata, to the extent of many feet, with daily renewed moisture."

"In the intervals of rain, a nearly vertical sun acts with an intense evaporative power, and a noxious steam or vapour arises from the fetid soil, yielding gases of a most sickly and detestable nature."

These morbid gases do not arise from vegetable or animal decomposition, as the island does not possess the one or the other.

"But—decomposed—mineral substances yield an acridiform poison, under some circumstances of a more deadly nature than those produced by either of the other kingdoms of nature."

"This gas does not rise more than a few feet from the earth; it slowly mingles with the surrounding atmosphere, and, when not causing immediate illness, produces a depressing effect on mind and body, which undermines and destroys the strongest constitution."

THE REPORT of the Surveyor-General to the Home Government on August 25, 1843 was likewise held up as eloquent testimony to the effect that Hongkong as a Colony was a disastrous experiment.

This official was quoted as saying: "The number of interments has been so great (in the European graveyard at Wan-chai, which was abandoned in the 'sixties) that the enclosure is almost full, and the hill behind it so rocky that it is impossible to dig into it, therefore ere long it will be necessary to provide another place. But it will be difficult to select another cemetery, on account of the rocky and uneven nature of the island."

"SEE," chortled the disgruntled element in obvious glee, "if they can't find another spot to bury in, would it not be the best thing for Government to adopt our policy—and abandon the blessed place lock, stock, and barrel."

"Besides," they added, as they solemnly shook their heads, "the destruction of life since our occupation of Hongkong has been so enormous."

"Last year (1843) the deaths among the troops in the island

amounted to 11 in 84. . . . Her Majesty's 98th Regiment lost at Hongkong, in 21 months, 267 men by death."

"But in this and other regiments, it is not merely the deaths which indicate disease and a pernicious climate; it is the great number of men invalided, and constantly unfit for duty. One half the men of a company are frequently unable to attend parade; out of 100 men there are

AS IF NOT content with this damning summary of Hongkong, its enemies sought to paint a further picture of the local climate. Said an ex-army officer during the 'forties:

"Military and naval men who have served in Africa and India feel the effects of the sun in Hongkong in a manner never before experienced."

"Even at Macao, only 40 miles west of Hongkong, Europeans may walk about the whole day in the month of July, when to do so at Hongkong would be attended with almost certain death."

"The Chinese deem it a dangerous experiment to prolong their abode in the island beyond a certain time. They have over-viewed Hongkong as injurious to health and fatal to life."

"The Europeans who survive a brief residence in this climate, generally get a lassitude of frame, and an irritability of fibre, which destroys the spring of existence. A malign influence operates on the system in a most distressing manner, which is not removed by a return to Europe; on the contrary, the sufferers frequently die in England soon after their arrival."

FATE, however, decreed that the Colony which was once so widely and thoroughly maligned should be retained as a British possession, and that the quondam straggling settlement of Victoria, built along Queen's Road, should expand, and become the vast city that it is to-day, thereby fulfilling the ardent hopes of its founders, who so fervently declared that "some day, Hongkong would contain a population equal to that of ancient Rome, and, moreover, would be the Tyne of the Far East."

T. Paul Gregory

By N. B. W.

SAM'S excellent English, coupled with his general demeanour, even in his pliable and insufficient rags, seemed to point to possibilities for redemption from his apparent woes.

At the time needing a house-coat I pondered upon the feasibility of creating for one at least a far better world, namely giving, no thought to what might be Sam's own ideas of aggrandisement.

Eventually I took him upstairs, showed him round (sleeping quarters, etc.) and foolishly disregarded the scowls of the already existing domestic.

Given \$10, he was shoed out to get a bath "chop-chop" and decently it himself out.

No doubt the sequel has been foreseen. Sam levanted. Wonder at the mentality which could spur decent security in favour of a squall and miserable semi-existence was mingled with despondency at my failure in "playing God" and the breakdown of my fancied talent in the deviation of character.

And I could but smile ruefully at the "Of course" and the "I told you so" attitudes of my obviously, more discerning friends.

A SERIES of small-hour burglaries incensed the occupants of the block, scarcely a tenant who had not suffered.

It was patent that the intruder entered via the flat roof, a tour of inspection revealing, neatly stowed away beneath the water-tanks, an admirably complete equipment of good, stout ship's roping, a comfortable, well-made swing, sent-all shipshape and Bristol fashion.

This paraphernalia was handed over to the police—the nightly visitations continued.

A further tour unearthed a fully equipped apparatus, probably secreted during the day to be called for at night!

Officials questioned the tenants.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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TROUBLE BREWING IN THE PHILIPPINE IS.

Farm Tenants Threat Of General Strike: Troops Called Out

MANILA, Mar. 7. CLIMAXING A WEEK of agrarian unrest, in which several hundred troops have been distributed in the affected provinces as a result of the rebellious attitude of the tenant farmers, the National Assembly has voted the \$250,000 emergency appropriation which President Manuel Quezon requested, in order to "augment facilities to enable the Government to control and suppress acts of violence and lawlessness."

The situation is tense in the Pampanga, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija provinces, although the presence of armed soldiers has prevented a recurrence of last week's clash at Pampanga in which 16 were wounded, when share-croppers attacked troops guarding the division of the rice crop.

Meanwhile President Quezon has toured the agrarian areas and warned share-croppers that if they carried out their threatened general strike the Government would import sufficient rice to break the strike.

The Labour leader, Pedro Abad Santos retorted: "The Government cannot suppress the peasants' struggle for economic liberation by shooting them down."

The tenants have long been disgruntled with the age-old semi-feudal landlord system, and recently allied to action with the aid of Socialist agitators.

It is reliably stated that the agitators are secretly organizing thousands of tenants in an attempt forcibly to seize the harvestable crops, rather than submit to the landlords' division with the share-croppers.

President Quezon is expected to use the \$250,000 appropriation to keep a large force of troops indefinitely in the disgruntled areas.—United Press.

NO COMMUNISTS IN NEW MADRID DEFENCE COUNCIL: WAR TO GO ON?

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prominent political role. Hope is expressed that agreement will be reached between General Franco and the newly formed Council for National Defence.

MADRID NERVOUS Great nervousness is said to prevail in Madrid as the entire population is waiting to discover whether the Coup d'Etat means a prolongation of the struggle, or an effort to conclude an agreement.

A crowd of thousands demonstrated to-day against ex-Premier Negrin, and in a speech, General Casado said: "We shall satisfy your demand for an honourable peace, but we ask that all parties come to an understanding among themselves in order to avoid further bloodshed. We ask for discipline. We ask Anarchists and Communists not to cling obstinately to their plans, but to think of the welfare of thousands who might otherwise be forced to flee to France or Russia."—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS

A statement on Britain's diplomatic relations with Spain was made in the House of Commons to-day, when Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that recognition of the Republican Government had been withdrawn simultaneously with the recognition of the Franco administration as the Government of Spain. Therefore, there could not be any diplomatic representations between the British Government and the Republican administration in territory not at present under General Franco's control. British consular officers would take such action as was appropriate for the protection of British interests, and for humanitarian interests.—Reuter.

NO LOAN TO FRANCO

London, Mar. 6. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, speaking in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question, said that no negotiations were at present in prospect regarding a British loan to General Franco.—Reuter.

NEGRIN IN FRANCE

Toulouse, Mar. 6. Dr. Juan Negrin and M. Alvarez Del Vayo arrived here to-day aboard a Spanish civil plane, accompanied by their secretaries. Later another plane arrived with the remaining principal members of the Republican Cabinet.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? aristocrat streptococcus asbestos pomgranite artillery bombardment English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

Death Of A Premier

PARIS, Mar. 6. THE RUMANIAN Premier, Patriarch Miron Cristea, died of inflammation of the lungs at the French Riviera to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

PNEUMONIA THE CAUSE

Bucharest, Mar. 6. The septuagenarian Patriarch and Prime Minister of Rumania, Mr. Miron Cristea, is ill in Cannes with pneumonia. His heart is weakening and his condition is "extremely grave."—Reuter Special.

CHINESE MIGRATION INTO SHAN STATES

Commons Questions

LONDON, Mar. 7. IN THE HOUSE OF Commons last night, Colonel H. H. Muirhead, Under-Secretary for India, moved that the Shan States Federal Fund Order be made in the form of a draft and laid before Parliament.

Sir Arnold Wilson asked whether any provisions were made with a view to preventing the almost unlimited incursion of Chinese into the Shan States in consequence of the construction of a new road. That road has been built on grounds of high policy. According to his information, very large numbers of Chinese, much larger than ever before, were entering Burma by this road.

The Shan States were responsible for the safety of their frontier, and for preventing immigration by unauthorized persons from China to Burma.

The Shan States were providing 25 per cent. of their revenue to the fund, and were entitled to the maximum protection and financial assistance from Burma to prevent over-running by Chinese coolies. Sir Arnold Wilson asked whether the Shan States would be indemnified as a result of the temporary provision in any expense that might be necessary to prevent Chinese immigration.

Sir Arnold added: "I fear we are going to do to the Shan States what we have done to Burma. We allowed 40 per cent. of their land to be bought by Indians, who are as alien to Burma as we."

GOVERNMENT REPLY

Colonel Muirhead said that Sir Arnold Wilson had raised a question of very wide and considerable interest, and speech showed the numerous aspects of the construction of the road. On the contrary, the provision suggested was at the present a hypothetical one. At present there was no unusual influx of Chinese, and the particular problems envisaged were unlikely to materialize during the next twelve months.

This provision was purely an interim arrangement for 12 months. Sir Arnold Wilson asked whether any part of the cost of completing the road fell as a public charge on the Shan States.

Colonel Muirhead replied Yes, and added that a certain proportion of the Shan States do contribute to the cost, but it was not that particular part of the adjustment with which they were dealing.

In reply to a further question by Sir Arnold Wilson, Colonel Muirhead said that the matter of policing was rather a different question. "Only last December I travelled along that road and went into China for 10 miles, and although I met a considerable number of Chinese on the road, the information I had given, which is unofficial, was that perhaps there were not so many Chinese coming across the border this year as last."

Calcutta Rioting

Calcutta, Mar. 6. One hundred and thirty persons were taken to hospital following an outbreak of communal rioting in a cotton mill area, 14 miles from Calcutta to-day. The police dispersed the crowd and made 17 arrests.—Reuter.

Unemployment Decrease In Britain Last Month

LONDON, Mar. 6. A MARKED FALL in unemployment figures is shown in the latest official figures. The number of unemployed on February 13 shows a decrease of 142,000, compared with January 16, but 80,000 more compared with the corresponding date in 1938.—Reuter Special.

MINISTRY'S FIGURES

London, Mar. 6. Between January 16, the date of the last return, and February 13, employment improved in all but a few industries. The Ministry of Labour estimates that at the latter date the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain was approximately 12,222,000. This was 145,000 more than the month before, and on a comparable basis about 70,000 more than the year before.

Britain's Defence Loans Bill

OPPOSITION'S APPROVAL VOTE IN FINAL READING

LONDON, Mar. 6. THE DEFENCE LOANS BILL passed its final stage in the House of Commons this evening. For the opposition, Mr. Pethick Lawrence said they did not propose to divide the House against the third reading.

"In spite of our opposition to much of the Government's policy, out of which in our opinion need for this Bill arises, we find ourselves driven into the position of not opposing the Bill. The Bill does not arise because the Government's foreign policy has been successful, but because it has been a failure, and the fact we are taking this course does not mean we abate in any respect our hostility to a great deal of the Government's action abroad, nor does it commit us to acquiescing in any way in the allocation which the Chancellor decides to make between taxing and borrowing."

Mr. Lawrence went on to urge upon the Government the necessity of marrying a plan for monetary expansion, inherent in the measure before the House, or else there might be danger, he said, if war suddenly broke out, of economic disaster and collapse.

For the Liberals, Mr. Wilfred Roberts argued the urgency, if the country was to hold its own in the armaments race, of mobilising for industry, by proper economic planning, the vast man-power of the unemployed.

Mr. Henderson Stewart (Liberal National) claimed that the debate showed the unanimity of the House on defence.

CHANCELLOR REPLIES The Chancellor of the Exchequer replying for the Government, emphasised that the Government had never conceived that in a rearmament programme of £1,500,000,000, eleven-fifteenths was to be regarded as an annual charge, and four-fifteenths as a capital charge. There was never any idea of a conscious attempt to apportion the total between capital and non-capital expenditure in those proportions. On the contrary, they were throwing a very considerable part of the capital expenditure upon revenue. They were justified in getting a very substantial amount by way of loan. They were actually raising for defence out of revenue twice as much as in 1934. He was satisfied that indications were favourable, and the best opinion was that the country could shoulder this burden.—British Wireless.

Stock Market In Gay Mood

London, Mar. 6. The new account on the London Stock Exchange opened active to-day, prices advancing in most sections, especially Knifery, which were well supported, and industrial, where many appreciable net gains were recorded. Gilt-edged holdings were fractionally easier, but amongst foreign securities, Brazilian bonds again were favoured.

On the foreign exchange, failure to solve the domestic political crisis in Belgium induced offerings forward in belgas, which, in the complete absence of buyers, exercised a disproportionate effect on the rate. Wall Street was steadier after an irregular opening.—Reuter Special.

Governor To See Chinese Play

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will visit the Theatre to-morrow evening, when the well-known Cantonese drama "The Tripod and the Pearl" will be performed by Ma Sze-tung and other leading Cantonese dramatists.

Ma Sze-tung is generally ranked as the most popular professional actor of Cantonese drama in Hongkong. "The Tripod and the Pearl" is a play written by the actor himself.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will be accompanied by His Honour Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Currie and Mrs. Currie, Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. King, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir V. Grayburn and the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo.

Japanese Navy To Defy World

Six-Year Programme Of Expenditure

TOKYO, Mar. 7. IN CONNECTION with the supplementary Navy budget of 180,000,000 yen, the Finance Minister yesterday revealed that it includes 60,000,000 yen as the first instalment on the six-year building programme, totalling 1,205,000,000 yen.

It also included 56,000,000 yen as the first instalment on a five-year naval air programme, totalling 300,000,000 yen; and 48,000,000 yen as the first instalment on the munitions replenishment programme totalling 188,000,000 yen.

The Navy Minister explained that the Navy's fourth replenishment programme would be worked out on a basis comparable with the largest other world-navy "with sufficient power to overcome any friction arising in connection with the construction of the New Order in East Asia, while in the event of Powers most closely related with Japan increasing their armaments, the Japanese Navy would map out plans to meet the new situation."—Reuter.

POLISH-RUMANIAN PARLEYS

Ministers Pleased

WARSAW, Mar. 6. M. GAFENCU, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, to-day declared that he was extremely satisfied with his conversations with Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister.

The talks had embraced the development of good relations between all neighbours, and also the Baltic and Black Sea waterway project, and the Jewish question during his forthcoming visit to London, as well as that of his own country.

An official communique states that the Ministers found themselves in complete agreement, and established co-ordination of political and economic actions in the questions of mutual interest.

M. Gafencu has left for Bucharest.—Reuter Special.

BECK FOR ENGLAND

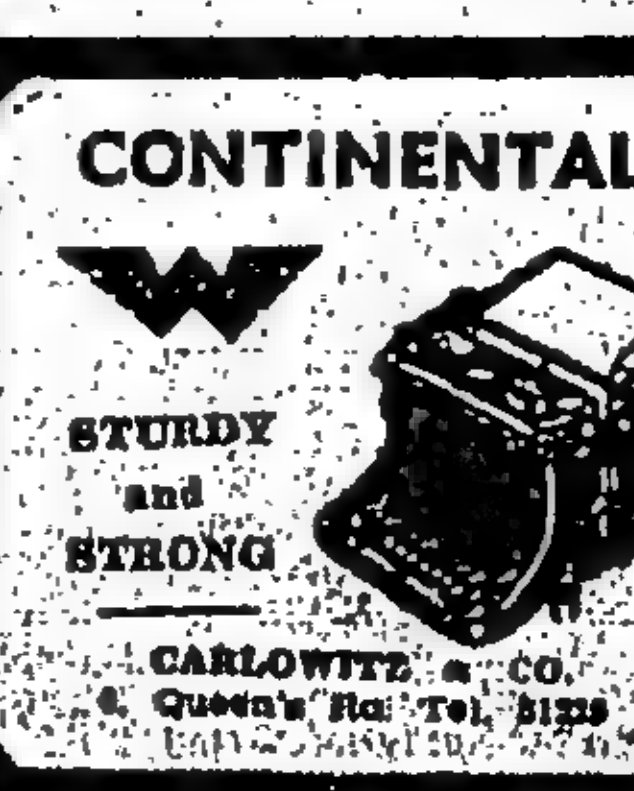
London, Mar. 6. It is announced that Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, will shortly visit England to discuss matters of common interest with the British Government. The visit will probably take place in the first week in April.—Reuter.

Lent To University

Berkeley, Cal. Live babies instead of case records will be used hereafter by the household economics class of the University of California. Parents were so anxious to co-operate in the course that after 50 little boys and girls had been selected, 70 other applications had to be rejected.

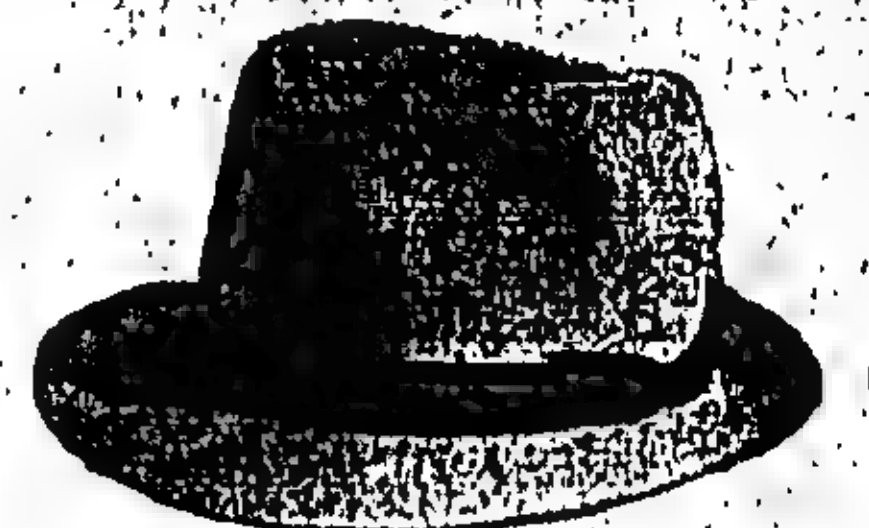
PEACE PLEDGE UNION

The weekly meeting of the Peace Pledge Union will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day, in the Challenge Book Room, 1, Ice House Street, 1st Floor. The speaker will be Professor S. Lautenschlager, and his subject will be "Pacifism and Economics". This meeting is open to the public.



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ENJOYABLE TENNIS SEEN IN OPENING PROGRAMME

VARSITY PAIR CAUSES UPSET IN 1ST ROUND

J. LEONARD AND G. CHOA SCRAPE THROUGH GAME

(By "Abc")

Considering that it was the opening day of the grass-court championships, the standard of tennis seen at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday was surprisingly high. True, there were quite a number of mistakes; but counter-balancing them were a great many winners which would have done credit to a much later stage of the competition.

In all, five matches were decided in the singles and three in the doubles—a rate of progress which, given fine weather, ought to see the tournament through in much quicker time than last year when it dragged on far too long.

Nearly all the players seen in action yesterday had been participating in previous tournaments; the exceptions were A. R. Kitchell, C. R. Bax, Lin Thiam-tet, and Stephen Wong. Of these, the only one to be eliminated was Kitchell, who succumbed to the steadiness of Chan Kam-moon in straight sets in the singles. Bax defeated an experienced player in Ng Kam-chuen, while Lin and Wong provided an eye-opening in the doubles by overcoming such a formidable combination as Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chi-keung in two sets, the second one to love. This was the only major upset of the day's programme.

As expected, the match between J. W. Leonard and George Choa, of the Craigengower C.C., and Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung, of the Chinese R.C., produced some even play. Both pairs at one time or another have reached the semi-finals of the tournament, and were, therefore, a trifle unlucky to meet at such an early stage.

PLAYERS NERVOUS

At the outset it appeared that Wong and Luk were the better-balanced pair. But the subsequent play showed that they appeared in this light only because Leonard and Choa had not yet settled down. The latter players seemed nervous in the first set when they not only made innumerable mistakes, but served up lobs which simply cried to be killed. Ironically enough, the last rally of the set was won by the Chinese on a netcord!

Strange to say, this bit of bad luck, instead of adding to the nervousness of the Craigengower pair, in fact seemed to be the cause of their standing down. At least, the hesitancy in striking, which had been so obvious earlier, was gone when the second set commenced, and they went on to win six games in a row to put themselves on level terms. Once their nervousness was eradicated, Leonard and Choa embarked on a policy of attack, and this paid them handsomely.

While Wong and Luk remained as steady as ever in their volleying, they found that their opponents were not nearly so keen on putting up easy lobs for them to tuck away as before, and that if they wanted to win points they had to hit to earn them. They did try to do so, but their measure of success was very small indeed as compared with Choa and Leonard.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of the matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

Chan Kam-moon beat A. R. Kitchell 6-1, 6-3.
Tsoi Ping-fan beat T. C. Monaghan 6-3, 7-5.
C. R. Bax beat Ng Kam-chuen 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
I. M. Razack beat K. M. Lee 6-1, 6-1.
Luk Chun-cheung beat A. V. Remedios 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles

J. W. Leonard and George Choa beat Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.
Paul Kong and Szeto Bick beat I. and B. Agafuroff 6-1, 6-3.
Lim Thiat-tet and Stephen Wong beat Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chi-keung 6-4, 6-0.

who were able on occasions to finish over a winner.

WEAK SERVICES

A peculiar feature of the third set was that service was lost in turn by each pair until Leonard held his to establish a lead of 5-3 for himself and his partner. This advantage was sufficient to give them the match in the tenth game.

Service on the whole was rather weak, only George Choa alone having the semblance of a decent delivery; Leonard, Wong and Luk were all extremely poor in this department.

An incident which occurred in the course of this match ought to serve as a lesson to George Choa and all young players. When he and his partner were leading 40-love, an opponent's return of service went sailing outside the side-line. It was obviously going out, but instead of letting it drop, he caught the ball, and the umpire (Mr. Lee Wai-tong) immediately, and quite rightly, called the point against him. Fortunately for him and Leonard, they won the game, but this non-observance of



George Choa (left) and Joe Leonard, seen above, started very shakily in their doubles tie against Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung in the Open Doubles Tennis Championship of the Colony at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday, but improved in the last two sets to scrape through to the second round. They reached the semi-finals last year.—Staff Photographer.

RUGBY TIES ALL KEENLY CONTESTED

(By "Fly-Half")

All the games in the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament played off last evening were keenly contested and close.

Middlesex "B" only just lost to the 5th A.A. by the narrow margin of three points.

Police "B" put up a fine fight against the P. and O. Building, who fielded such ideal "Sevens" players as Grieve and Bidwell. It says much for the guardians of the score within more than respectable limits. The Police forwards were superior to their opposition and were instrumental in preventing a tall score being chalked up against them. Wall played well at scrum-half for the Police.

5th A.A. "B" substituting for Club "B", put up a brave show against the P.A.O.C. to whom they lost by three points to eight points. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank only just won their tie by a goal to nil. With both teams giving no quarter, all movements in attack were met with resolute defence.

Results were:
Middlesex "B" 0 5th A.A. 3
Police "B" 3 P. & O. Bldg. 10
P.A.O.C. 8 5th A.A. "B" 3
5th Heavy Bty. 0 Bank 5

Phillips' Challenge To Tom Farr

Manager of Eddie Phillips, former cruiser-weight champion, stated that he can find £1,000 backing for a match with Tommy Farr.

Phillips is now in light training, following an operation to his leg, and expects to be fighting fit in six weeks.

"Eddie has beaten Farr three times," said the ex-champion's manager recently, "and is confident he can repeat the dose."

such an elementary rule of the game might have cost him dear.

Paul Kong and Szeto Bick were far too well-equipped to be unduly worried by the Agafuroff brothers who, well though they played at times, were obviously up against a better pair.

SURPRISE RESULT

As already stated, the biggest surprise of the day was the defeat of Lui Kwai-fan and Chan Chi-keung, an extremely steady pair from the South China A.A. That they were beaten was surprising already, but to be beaten 6-4, 6-0 shows how well their opponents, Stephen Wong and Lim Thiam-tet, played.

A University combination, Wong and Lim will have to be watched by their opponents in the next round. Wong I have seen before; he makes up for lack of inches by all-round steadiness. But Lim is a stranger and seems quite promising. Both are young and extremely active.

The match between A. V. Remedios and Luk Chun-cheung in the singles was a hard-hitting affair. Both players stuck to the base-line, from where they indulged in some terrific hitting on both hands. Luk, because he was the steeper, won.

In spite of the recent injury to his wrist, I. M. A. Razack, of the Indian R.C., played well enough to beat K. M. Lee by 6-1, 6-1. Luckily for Razack, his opponent was not at his best and thus he did not have to exert himself unduly.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME
The following is the programme to-day:
Open Singles—Lum Kwan v. J. M. Tomlinson; W. J. Howard v. W. A. Land; Lai Kwong-tsun v. S. A. Gray; Lee Choo-man v. Leong Ping-chiu; Y. C. Lau v. Lee Wai-tong; Wong Fung v. H. D. Rumjahn.
Open Doubles—E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson v. Pang Oi-lam and Wei Chung; Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould.

F.A. And Scottish Cup Draws

London, Mar. 6.

The draw of the semi-final round of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 25, is as follows:

Portsmouth v. Huddersfield or Blackburn R.
(on Arsenal's ground)
Wolves v. Grimsby
(on Manchester United's ground)

SCOTTISH CUP

The draw of the Scottish Cup semi-finals, to be played on the same day, is as follows:

Hibernian v. Clyde
(on Heart of Midlothians' ground)
Aberdeen v. Motherwell
(on Glasgow Rangers' ground)

Goodwin's Cricket Days Over?

Wrenched Knee May Mean He Cannot Play Again

FATE DEALT Frank Goodwin and the K.C.C. senior cricket team a nasty and ironic blow last Saturday, when the club's captain, in making a sharp run while attempting to win the match against Recreo, and with which would have gone the championship, wrenched his knee, causing a recurrence of his old leg trouble.

It means that Goodwin will not be able to play again this season, and it is possible that he will not figure in league cricket any more.



For their last match against the Indian Recreation Club, this week, the K.C.C. must make the best of it. Goodwin's wrenched knee is a severe loss.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

KOWLOON-RECREIO TIE OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF SATURDAY'S GAMES

The outstanding feature of last Saturday's cricket was, of course, the tie between the K.C.C. and Recreo. I call it a tie, but I am not entirely sure whether the fact that Kowloon still had a couple of wickets in hand, may not be used to prove that it was a draw.

I don't think it matters a great deal, as it is fifty-fifty between the two teams concerned, and a half point won't make any difference, provided that the K.C.C. win both of their remaining fixtures, (against Craigengower and Recreo), and that K.C.C. tie or lose in their game with the I.R.C. If they win that on Saturday next on their own ground then they are bound to win the league. Recreo will possibly decide matters on March 18, in their game with the H.K.C.C. provided that Kowloon fail to win this game on Saturday.

The scores in last Saturday's game were very typical of the two clubs, as on each side about three or four men did all the work. E. M. L. Soares made 45 out of 123 for Recreo, and the next top score was Extras with 20. Those 19 byes made a great deal of difference! For Kowloon no one got into double figures, with the exception of Anderson (31), though Goodwin after those were bustling the batsmen after those were bustling for runs. It was a tragedy that Goodwin snapped a leg muscle and could not move for the last run. One cannot help feeling that how-over good the bowling was, 240 runs in over 4 hours' cricket is not very enterprising.

In the bowling, Lee did a great deal of work, though he wasn't so deadly as usual. Goodwin, who was evidently coming back to his old form, took three for 25, but the best figures were shown by Lay, (6/4/10/4/). For Recreo, the fact that E. L. Gosano sent down 21 overs for 42 runs and 3 wickets and Ozorio, 10 overs for 50 runs and 4 wickets, shows how accurate a length was, and why Anderson and Mackay were pinned down by them.

INDIANS OUT OF IT

I cannot help thinking it is quite a long time since the Club beat the I.R.C. outright, though they have often had the better of a draw. They have to thank four men almost entirely for their victory. At last Alec Pearce got going, and he was unlucky not to make his century. I am told that he was dropped fairly early on, (and in that case it was a very expensive mistake), but afterwards he played beautiful cricket. Ride, who opened, made a good stand with him for the second 21 overs, scoring 28, but the majority of runs came when he was joined by his brother John, who made 41 before he was l.b.w. to Madar. Owen-Hughes declared at 188 for 8, leaving the I.R.C. two hours to get the runs. It was possible though pretty quick going, but it left him ample time to get them out if his bowling worked. The Indians are this season, playing very nearly got them. A. R. Kitchell and Y. el Arculli were the chief scorers, with 60 and 45 respectively. As regards the bowling, Mike and Madar carried most of it on their shoulders for the I.R.C. For the Club, Owen-Hughes, who after an excellent start has not done much in the last two or three matches, got going and bowling unchanged, took 7 wickets for 54 runs in 10 overs, a very fine performance. Finally, Goodwin, any chance of the Indians winning the shield. But I must say that, in my opinion, they have covered themselves with more glory by the sporting way in which they have gone for all their matches, than they could have done by winning the Shield by dull and sticky

cricket. I have already, at the beginning of this article, sized up the chances of the Club vis a vis the other two leaders.

A LATE DECLARATION

It seems to me quite on the cards, that, had the Navy declared a little earlier, they might have made it more difficult for the Civil Service to escape defeat. As a matter of fact the C. S. are having a horrible luck with injuries this year. Richardson kept wicket, as it was entirely impossible for him to field, anywhere else. He stood back and only two byes were scored, these coming from a ball which did everything but bowl the batsman. Perry had damaged his neck and shoulder muscles in making a catch during the mid-week cricket, and was unable to bowl. Both Baker and McCallan bowled excellently for their first spell. 63. Kennedy made 43, but he was very lucky in the early twenties as he was plumb l.b.w. but Whitley, who was bowling, had unsighted the umpire. Lees had 28 not out when the declaration was made at 425, and I believe C. S. started hitting at 4.40. Colledge, who is rather out of luck this season, went early, but Perry and Barrow put on over 50 for the second wicket. Seeing that the Navy had Moore, Whitmarsh and Manners, all of whom bowled for the Navy in the Triangular Tournament, the C. S. didn't do badly at all. For 5. Richardson was run out through the zeal of his runner.

ANOTHER DEFEAT

Poor old Craigengower most certainly are in the dumps. They got the Army out for 130 runs, of which Logan made 42, Whitman 16, Palmer 25 and Dyson 19 not out. The rest did little, and the total was only 130. Billimoria 4 for 51, Small 3 for 55, and Souza 2 for 15, shared the wickets.

In the ordinary way, even up against Hatfield, Craigengower would have made fairly light of their task, but I cannot help thinking that they have rather got their tails down at the present, or perhaps it would be more polite to say they are still in their bad patch at any rate, no-one except Small (32), Small (20) and Harman (18) got double figures, and they were all out for 114.

JUNIOR DIVISION

I seem to have got rather mixed over one of the matches last Saturday, but apparently the University were playing the Club 2nd eleven at Pokfulam. The Club paid them the compliment of going the whole way to make 173 with Jack Armstrong coming back to form with 47, while Lowe made a nice 30. Tam, (74) and Fong (37) made a very nice 2nd wicket stand, putting on 97 runs, but afterwards the others failed courageously in trying to get a win, in which they only failed by 18 runs. It was the sporting thing to do.

Of the other games, the Army 2nd rattled up a big score, thanks chiefly to Webb and Goodger, and the Navy just managed to claw off a few runs, making 107 for 6 wickets. The Police had their expected win against the C.S.

I am afraid that I shall be unable to deal with next Saturday's games, until about a week after they have been played, when it may be possible to review the season. It is still possible, however, that we shall have to wait until March 18, to know exactly where we are.

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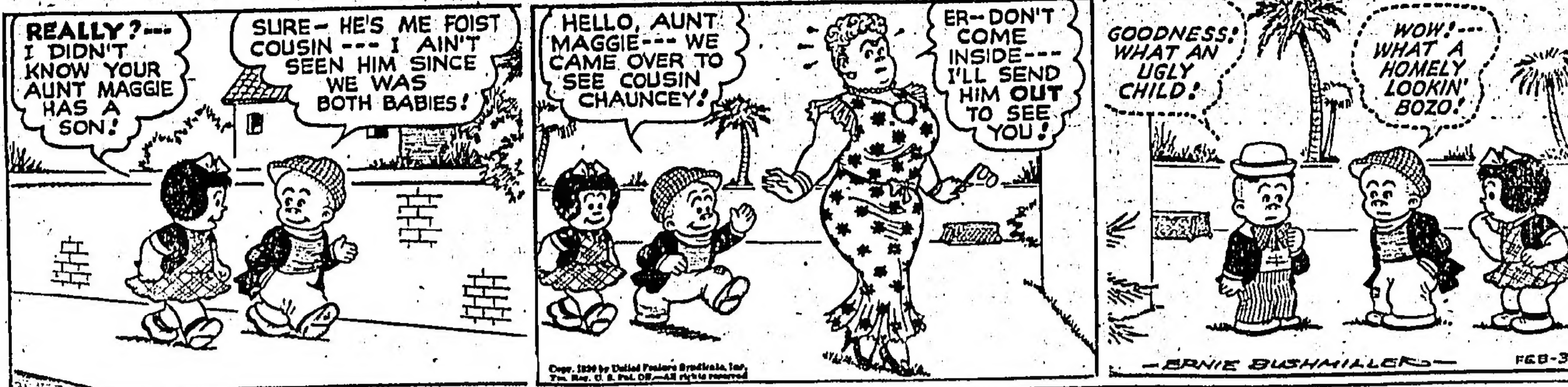


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HONGKONG TO PLAY MACAO ON APRIL 16

Interport Football Arrangements Fixed At Council Meeting

The Interport football match between Hongkong and Macao will be played at Macao on Sunday, April 16, it was decided at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council, held in the Association rooms, Bank of Canton Building, yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Pryde.

It was announced that the visit of the Manila interport football team to the Colony had been very successful and the gate receipts had been satisfactory.

The Manila team had expressed their appreciation of the efforts made by the Entertainment Council to make their stay as pleasant as possible.

The Interport Cup final between the Chinese and the Civilians will be played on the Club ground on March 20. It was proposed that Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Football Association and President of the Football Association, be invited to give away the trophy.

A letter received from Macao regarding the Interport match was read. The date suggested by Macao was Sunday, April 16, the match to be played at the Casino, kick-off at 3.30 p.m. Macao had also requested that a team of First Division players be sent.

The date suggested was approved, and all arrangements were referred to the Management Committee. There was some discussion regarding the proposed visit by a Colony team to Manila at the end of the present season, April 28 was suggested as the date for the departure of the Colony players. Arrangements for the visit were left to the Management Committee.

Mr. Pryde mentioned that he had met Mr. Grimshaw, former President of the Shanghai Football Association, on several occasions at matches recently, and Mr. Grimshaw had expressed the good wishes of the Shanghai Association, and that he regretted that the Colony had been unable to send a team to the northern port for the Interport. Mr. Grimshaw said that the Shanghai Association had asked that Hongkong send a team up north during November this year.

The suggestion was approved by the meeting.

It was also agreed that in the event of a draw in the Senior Shield

Semi-final on Saturday, that the replay should be held the next day. The match is between South China "A" and Eastern.

LEE WAI-TONG'S REASON Local Reporters Object to His Playing in Shanghai

The China Press of Shanghai has the following, accompanied by criticism of the Hongkong Chinese reporters:

Yesterday, Shanghai's enthusiasts were stunned by the announcement that Lee Wai-tong, renowned Chinese football player, would not appear in the two charity games here as had been expected earlier.

Most startling of all, however, was the explanation given by Lee to the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association, which is sponsoring the games, as to why he had cancelled the arrangements.

According to the Chinese football idol, the Chinese Reporters' Association in Hongkong objected to the trip.

Lee Wai-tong's letter is reproduced as follows:

"Thank you very much for the invitation. If my participation can be of help to the refugees, I should be more than happy to take part in the games. However, the objection of the press to my coming to Shanghai has compelled me to cancel my engagement. Thank you for all your trouble."

Also a letter from Sir Shou-son Chow:

"Because of the objection raised by the newsmen in Hongkong, Mr. Lee deems it fit, in view of the surrounding circumstances, to cancel his engagement. Looking forward to another occasion for Mr. Lee's participation."

Yesterday, Lee stated that he had received a letter from the Hongkong Chinese Reporters' Association, which had strongly urged him against playing football in Shanghai. Funds for the refugees, they claimed, could be raised in Hongkong as equally well as in Shanghai. Lee said that he had given the letter to Sir Shou-son Chow, and in refusing the Shanghai invitation, had acted on his advice.

LETTERS

An Appreciation

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—May I through your columns pay a tribute of appreciation to a man of talent about to leave this colony. He is Mr. L. A. J. Lafford, who has for some years been organist of St. John's Cathedral. Mr. Lafford has strenuously attempted to erect a musical culture in Hongkong, and he has probably achieved more in this line than anyone hitherto. One hazards that should he stay in Hongkong the future years would see a young but definitely individual musical tradition in existence. He is a man of strong organising powers, and has repeatedly shown his ability to collect the scattered talent of the Colony and manipulate it towards the furtherance of an artistic ideal. He achieves his ends by tact, courtesy, social charm coupled with a very real, brilliant but self-effacing talent. Hongkong will be poorer for his absence, and the fact that he has decided against staying here will be lamented by a large body of musicians, and also by all that have the best interests of the Colony at heart. Tsi Tu Air.

King Leopold Orders General Election

Brussels, Mar. 6. King Leopold of the Belgians today signed a decree dissolving Parliament, and a General Election will be held on April 2.

It is announced that King Leopold has not accepted the resignation of M. Pierlot, and his Cabinet will thus remain in office until the election. Reuter.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) arctesian—abestos or asbestos—arillery—streptococcus—pomgranate—rhomboid



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, congratulating Leung Wing-chiu, the Chinese captain, on the victory of the Hongkong C.A.A.F. over the Hongkong F.A. in the Governor's Cup Football Competition last Sunday. Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary of the F.A., is seen in the foreground, while Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith can be seen in the rear.—Staff Photographer.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 7, 1889. The President in his annual inaugural message to Congress on assumptions and sustains American rights in Samoa. He is in favour of an increase to the Navy and states that it is the duty of Congress to adjust the protection tariff.

25 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1914. Bombarlier Wells beat Bandman Blais in the fourth round of contest for the heavyweight of Great Britain.

The campaign against rejecting hampins in Berlin, which has been carried on for some time by the German police authorities, is now being taken up by the railways. In the Breslau district the authorities have posted notices to the effect that the wearing of hat pins with unprotected points is forbidden in railway stations and in trains, and that offenders can be refused railway tickets and are liable to fines up to the amount of £5.

10 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1929. Extensive repairs have been found necessary at Government House, following an inspection of the ball room roof. The work is already in hand, thus rendering Government House temporarily unsuitable for entertaining purposes on a large scale.

The streets of the city are adorned with flags and banners and crowds of visitors are pouring in to celebrate the inauguration of the new President and vice-President on Monday.

Mr. Hoover will ride, in lined from Capitol Hill to the White House with gall decorated stands to hold the spectators.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club second eleven in their match with the University on the latter's ground at 5 p.m. today—A. C. Howell, J. E. Henry, L. F. Nicholson (captain), R. R. Todd, L. A. R. Duncan, Rev. N. Evans, A. R. Beteleho, W. A. Newers, R. K. Valentine, H. V. Parker and T. J. Price.

BADMINTON LEAGUE

Results Of Matches Played Last Night

St. Andrew's "A" beat the Wanderers by 2-1 in a "B" division match last night.

W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong beat E. Zimmer and J. S. Ho 21-8; beat C. T. Yung and E. S. Ho 21-18; lost to S. W. Liang and T. J. Ong 21-23. W. M. Glitten and A. E. Brown beat Zimmer and Ho 21-18; beat Yung and Ho 21-21; lost to Liang and Ong 19-21.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew beat Zimmer and Ho 21-10; beat Yung and Ho 21-5; beat Liang and Ong 21-7.

Kowloon Tong Club beat the Sailors and Soldiers Home 9-0.

Chun Wah beat Club de Recreo 7-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP TIES

A programme of matches in the annual Badminton Championships will be played on the Talkoo court this evening. The ties down for decision are:

JUNIOR SINGLES

S. H. Boone v. L. Sung (8.30 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES

D. Kwole and Mrs. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (9 p.m.)

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. K. Hul and K. L. Yung v. C. N. and A. M. Silva (9.30 p.m.)

5 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1934. Talented demonstrations in all forms of dancing featured yesterday's display by the pupils of the Hongkong O'Keefe school of dancing at the King's Theatre.

Solo work was particularly commendable, and in this respect Miss Betty Poston, with her Spanish dance, "Jota Aragonesa," and "Fandango de Almeria," earned outstanding honours. Mr. "Gus" D'Aquino sang the refrain "Jota Aragonesa," which helped to make this a charming study.

In the opening number Miss Gloria Yee gave a clever solo number, and Yvonne Martin and Joan Ferguson were also seen in excellent interpretations.

Miss Fat Ang's Hungarian Dance was thoroughly enjoyed, the difficult steps being displayed with rare accomplishment.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Cowboy and the Lady" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon in a story about a daughter of wealth who marries a rodeo rider and thereby persuades her father to give up empty political ambitions. Light generally amusing stuff.

"The Great Waltz" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—A bit too elephantine, but Julien Duvivier has managed to slip in a few of his characteristically brilliant flourishes. The characters and story are forgotten in the maze of the Strauss music, to hear which of course is what music-lovers go to see this picture for. Luise Rainer, Fernand Gravel and others make the plot sound plausible.

"Spawn of the North" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Virtue enough in its background and in certain of its scenes, this is an action drama which has tried to substitute the honeyed word for the good right arm. Since Alaska seems less adapted to the problem play than to the tavern brawl, the substitution is not entirely successful. There are some very exciting scenes, which make the film worth seeing.

"South Riding" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A successful British picture, in which acting honours go to Edna Best and Ralph Richardson—also Ann Todd and Edmund Gwenn. "Love and Hises" (Cathay Theatre, to-day).—That old feud between Walter Winchell and Leon Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

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Commission Defining Italo-Sudan Border

London, Mar. 6. Mr. R. A. Butler stated in the House of Commons to-day that consultations were going on at present with the Egyptian Government with the object of defining the boundaries between Italian East Africa and the Sudan.

Upon conclusion of these consultations, the British Ambassador to Rome, Lord Perth, would submit to the Italian Government two me-

Cantoni Killed

Milan, Mar. 6. The 27 year-old racing car driver, Signor Renzo Cantoni, was accidentally killed to-day while carrying out a trial run with a Maserati car on the Monza racing track.—Trans-Ocean.

memoranda containing proposals for frontier rectification between the Italian East Africa and the Sudan on the one hand, and Kenya and Italian Somaliland on the other.—Trans-Ocean.

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PARIS.

IN spite of high taxes, rising prices and a gloomy political outlook—or perhaps because of them—fashions in Paris are swinging back to a gay youthfulness which seems to be an involuntary reaction to last season's too elegant Edwardianism.

But, curiously enough, accessories haven't all caught up with them. You get used to seeing, in one house after another short full skirts, often 17 inches from the ground, with neat fitting jackets, but you don't expect to see them in conjunction with Directoire or Early Victorian bonnets.

And when the bonnets are heavily beflowered and as heavily veiled, the whole outfit reminds you irresistibly of a visiting film star copy prepared for the inevitable Press interviews.

HATS

Several of the new hats, in fact, appear to be having a little struggle with their surroundings. The brimmed hats with tall, steeple crowns would, it seems to me, look there, in the spring and summer. There are all gone by the board. There are dozens of hats as flat as a plate, for fringes on thick gold necklets and minuscule their designers couldn't keep their hands off them.

You see one topped with an enormous posy, another with an upright feather, a third with the brim at the back turned up in such a way that the hat appears to be "lowering."

As for crowns, you've only to look at the variety of steeples crowns—pointed, round or square and occasionally in miniature and in fine pastel-colored suede with duplicate on the one hat—to realize how flagrantly the milliners have broken their own rule.

Most of the spring hats reveal as much back-hair as ever, but if you're plagued with untidy ends you can conceal them with a fall of chiffon scarf, down your back, or accept Erik's alternative—which is to wear a veil or scarf beneath your hat, or coming from the back and tied over your hair and under your chin.

As for the angles, that can be straight, a half tilt, or plunged over half way up the arm to simulate

Drawing shows:

1. Glass sandals from Enzo.
2. Erik's fine straw bonnet.
3. Coarse straw Erik hat turned up one side, with trimming of cactus.
4. Black lace fan from Ardane held in pink suede and lace glove from Robert Piguet.
5. Black afternoon suede gloves with gold kid pipings simulating bracelets.
6. Gloves from Creed collection with kid palms and gauntlets and hand-knitted backs.
7. Buttoned up boots from Bentivegna in suede and lizard skin.
8. Gold tasseled hatpins.
9. Louise Bourbon's casquette with veiling of yellow and blue.
10. Pigskin gloves with a "frame" of darker brown; and Lucile Paray's Dorothy bag in suede.
11. Handbag made like a saddle.
12. Black satin shoe from Bunting with gold kid trimming and new square heel.

bracelets; while the classic type, like the leather and hand-knitted gauntlets shown at Creeds, occasionally get a little more fanciful.

SHOES

The shoes can be divided into three categories: The hardly-to-be-believed. Sheerly fanciful. Practical.

In the first is Enzo's transparent "glass" sandals with silver kid straps—wearable, comfortable, flexible, and actually made of plastic material. Button-up boots for day-time wear come in the fanciful class. Both Georgette and Bentivegna are doing these and with the new full skirts they'll probably be worn—occasionally.

Finally come the practical shoes, including simple court shoes with very little trimming; models which still have a tendency to mount toward the ankles but may be cut away entirely at the back; shoes which are nearly ankle length; and Georgette's new sports shoe with sole and heel of thick felt.

Experiments are still being made with heels. There is Bunting's new squared one which protrudes beyond the shoe itself. But every bootie tells me that while women are going back to more classic footwear for the afternoon, the wedge heel for sports has come to stay. And they all add, a trifle grudgingly, that they will fight hard any tendency to open-toe shoes, beyond a discreet triangular opening.

HANDBAGS

After this display of imagination, handbags come a long way behind. You can have one like a saddle, a second like an enormous bow, a third like an old-fashioned Dorothy bag—but after glass slippers and buttoned boots they all seem a trifle dull.

BEAUTY BOX

SNUGGLING into a fur collar discolors the neck, after a while. Ordinary cleansing is not enough. Try using a bleaching face pack. You can buy good ones cheaply, and one application works wonders in whitening the neck.

Avoid "make-up" with a bluish tinge in cold weather. It will accentuate your blue feeling. Go for a clear "straight" red, and choose one which does not go mauveish on the skin.

Warm shades of powder, such as deep peach, are good at this time of year. Don't choose yellowish shades, like ochre, but those which have a kind, warm glow.

They're all of pieces with the lace fans, bases smothered in flowers and eye-lets cut in the tops, and Victorian bouquets with lace or ribbon streamers worn with some of the Erik's alternative—which is to wear a veil or scarf beneath your hat, or coming from the back and tied over your hair and under your chin.

As for the angles, that can be straight, a half tilt, or plunged over half way up the arm to simulate

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Crossword Puzzle

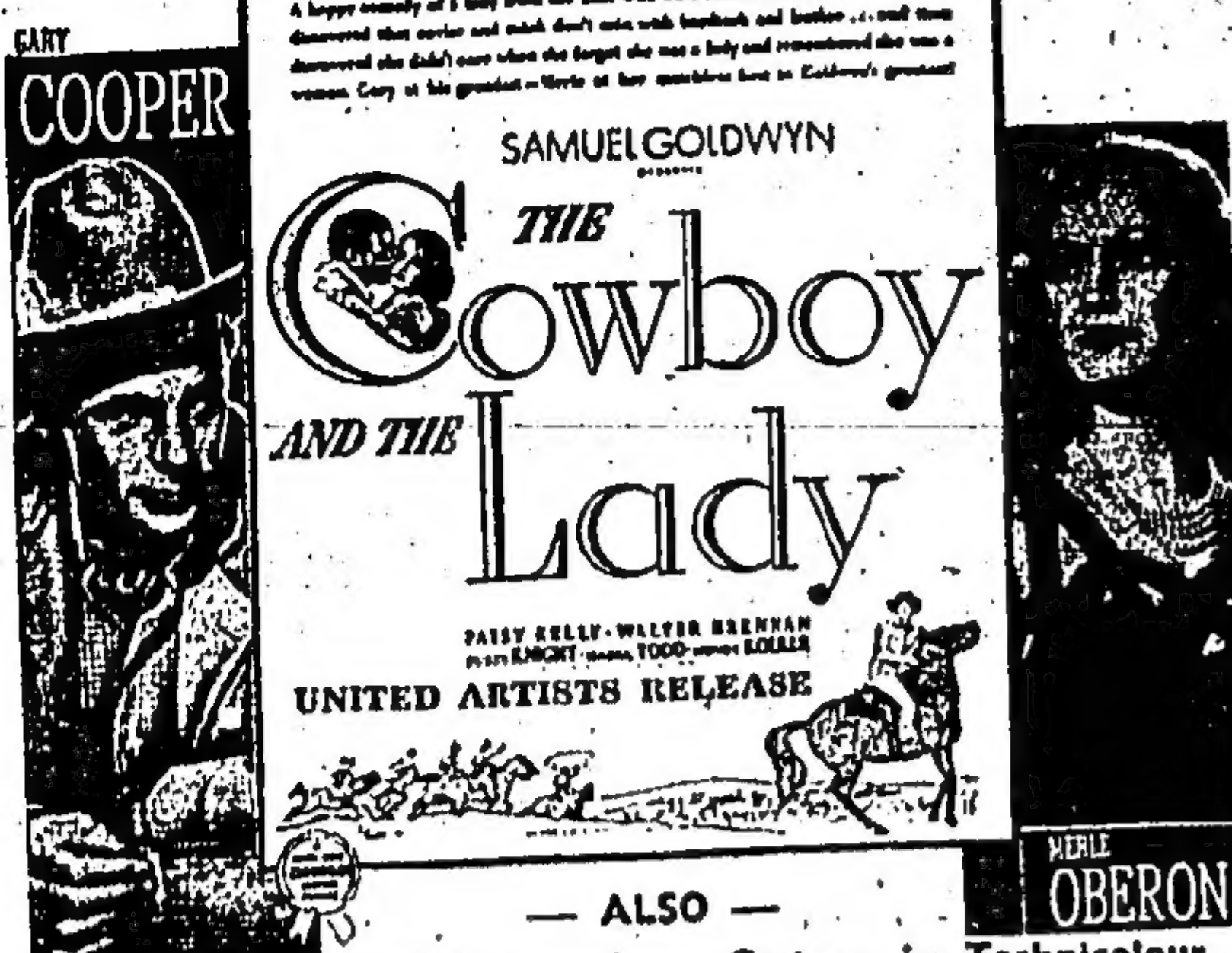
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ACROSS
1—Wild geese
2—Removed sole from
3—Interference
4—High regions
5—Two rodents
6—Drove in best clothes
7—Dance
8—Crapping
9—Domestic animal
10—Bliss
11—Scalp American
12—Cameo
13—Mean to be sung
14—Group of clouds
15—Temple interior
16—Mine entrance
17—French city
18—Dance
19—Device worked by foot
20—Kilogram marble
21—Parrot food
22—Exist
23—Delivered
24—Articles of clothing
25—Dwarf
26—Duck
27—Fate made him
28—Change
29—Minute particle
30—Mossy
31—Political district
32—Part of foot
33—Stop
34—Once in the day
35—Inborn
36—Come to notice
37—Fishes
38—Shake head up and down

DOWN
1—Underlying exterior
2—Domestic animal
3—Drive
4—Dance
5—Gun ICD 23
6—Bugged slight
7—Part of body
8—Reduced in rank
9—Dance like attack
10—Pierce
11—Bright color
12—Part of body
13—Common parasite
14—Dance
15—Contaminated
16—Dance
17—Lay
18—Shedding moisture
19—Shedding
20—Dance
21—Dance
22—Dance
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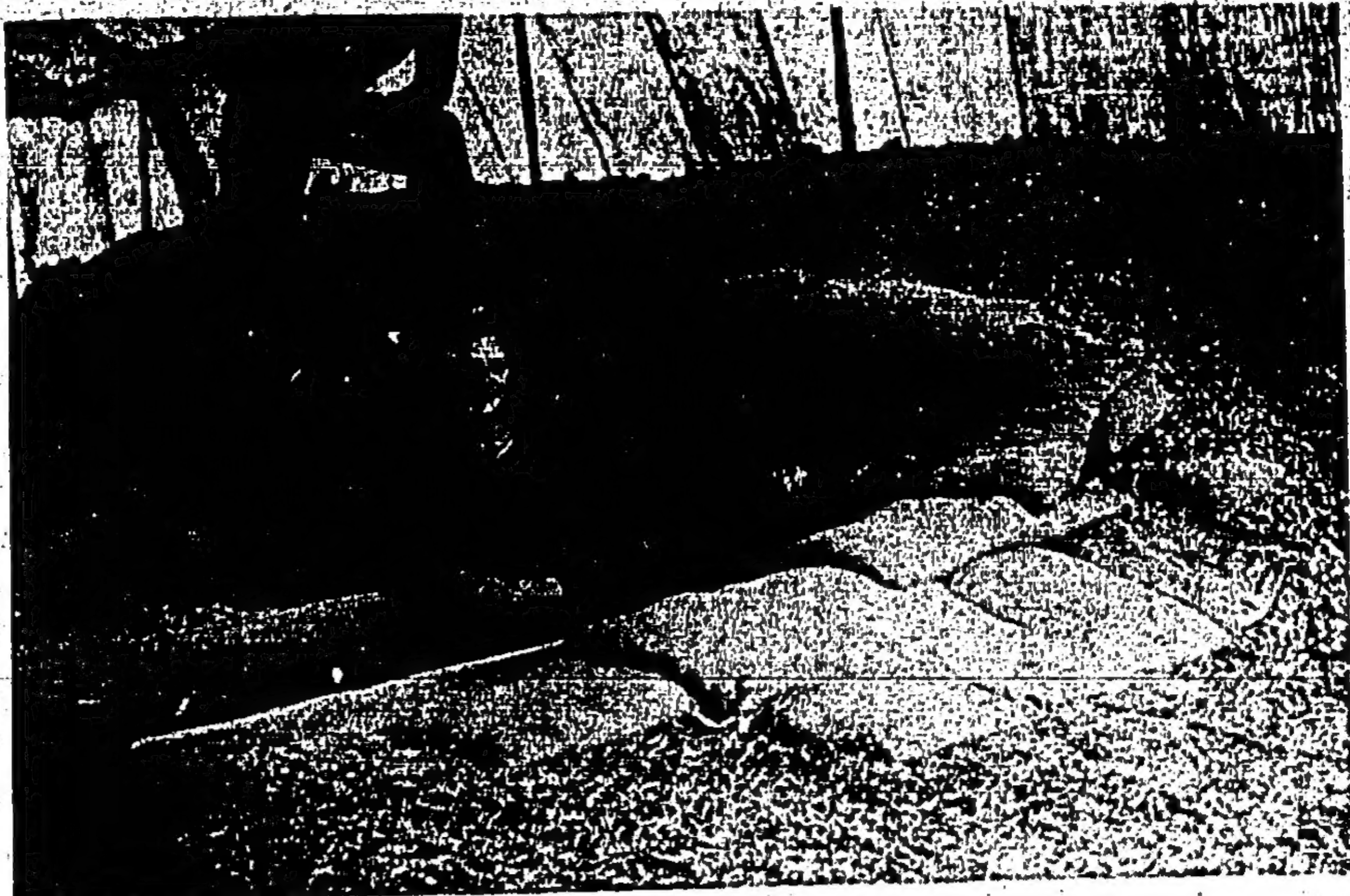
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ONE OF THE DUGOUTS under construction on the allotment opposite the Peninsula Hotel for the A.R.P. exhibition which will commence to-morrow afternoon.—Staff Photographer.

House Of Commons

Closure of Pearl River Among China Questions

LONDON, Mar. 6.

REPLYING IN the House of Commons to-day to Sir Percy Harris, Mr. R. A. Butler said that as he stated on February 13, representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the closure of the Pearl River.

No representations had been made about the occupation of the Canton delta.

Viscount Halifax was being kept informed of the view of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and was fully aware of the effect on British interests generally of maintenance of the present restriction. The Government would, through its Ambassador in Tokyo, and through the local authorities in Canton and Hongkong, continue to press for an early resumption of traffic.

Sir Percy Harris: Does Mr. Butler appreciate the urgency of the matter, and the effect it is having on Lancashire?

Mr. Butler: Yes. That is why I said we are continuing to press for an early resumption of traffic.—*Reuter.*

CURRENCY WARFARE

LONDON, Mar. 6.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. A. C. Moreing asked Mr. R. A. Butler whether his attention had been drawn to an official announcement that after March 10, all business transactions in North China must be financed in Federal Reserve Bank notes, and whether, in order to counteract this discrimination, he would take steps to prohibit all exports from North China into British and crown colony ports, unless accompanied by a consular certificate that they had been financed through a British, American, or French bank.

ACTION, NOT CONSIDERATION
Mr. Butler said that Viscount Halifax had been informed of the announcement. As regards the second part of the question, the Government would consider all practical measures for the defence of British interests involved.

Mr. Moreing: It is not consideration, but action that is wanted. Mr. Butler: I would certainly not minimise the need for taking any action which might be necessary.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI CO-OPERATION

LONDON, Mar. 6.
Making a statement in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said that a working arrangement for co-operation between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities had been reached, which Viscount Halifax thought did not

impair the authority of the Municipal Council. Asked if he could assume that the British Government would continue to give full support to the Shanghai Municipal authorities in negotiations with the Japanese, Mr. Butler replied Yes.—*Reuter.*

WARSHIP IN ICHANG

LONDON, Mar. 6.
Commander A. Marsden asked in the House of Commons to-day whether a British Consul was at Ichang at present, and if not, would the British Government send one immediately for the maintenance of British rights, in view of the Japanese drive against Ichang.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that no Consul was there, but a British warship was at present at Ichang, and the commanding officer could be relied upon to take necessary precautions for the protection of British life and property. Nevertheless, should circumstances appear to demand the presence of a consular officer, one could be sent at short notice from Chungking.—*Reuter.*

LATE NEWS

FAREWELL GIFT

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford
Receives Cheque

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford was the recipient of a farewell present from the Hongkong Singers at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, yesterday. The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, and President of the Hongkong Singers, made the presentation which took the form of a cheque.

The President thanked Mr. Lafford for his work in connection with the Hongkong Singers, and the magnificent results obtained in the various concerts during his stay in the Colony. They were all sorry that the concert which was to have been given to-day by the Singers and the Hongkong Chamber Music Club had to be cancelled for various reasons. The Hon. Mr. Smith in conclusion wished Mr. Lafford the best of luck and success in his future career.

Mr. Lafford expressed his appreciation for the gift and said he would never forget his experiences in Hongkong.

Mr. Lafford was honorary conductor for the Hongkong Singers.

DOCTOR RETIRING

The retirement of Dr. C. H. Luk, after 20 years service, will be the occasion of a tea party at the Gloucester Hotel to-day at 5.30 p.m., given by the Government Medical Officers.

REFUGEE NUMBERS

Government Camps Show
Increase of Thousand

The following is the list of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps on March 4, with the figures of February 25 in brackets:

Urban areas (Civilians).—King's Park, 1,479 (1,428); Ma Tau Chung, 1,000 (780); North Point, 1,527 (1,524).
Urban areas (Soldiers).—Lanching Hospital Upper Ward, 34 (40); Ma Tau Chung, 768 (761).
Rural areas.—Kam Tin, 2,750 (2,033); Fanling North, 835 (889); Fanling South, 1,036 (1,248); Gill's Cutting, 651 (577); Man Kam To, 916.
The total number of refugees and destitutes in these camps on March 4 was 10,066, compared with 9,050 on February 25.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

The annual general meeting of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, will be held in the West Lounge on Monday, March 13, at 5.45 p.m.

According to the balance sheet published with the annual report the excess of income over expenditure for last year was \$930.70. Income totalled \$114,028.59.

At the meeting five members will be elected to serve on the Members' Council. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock will preside.

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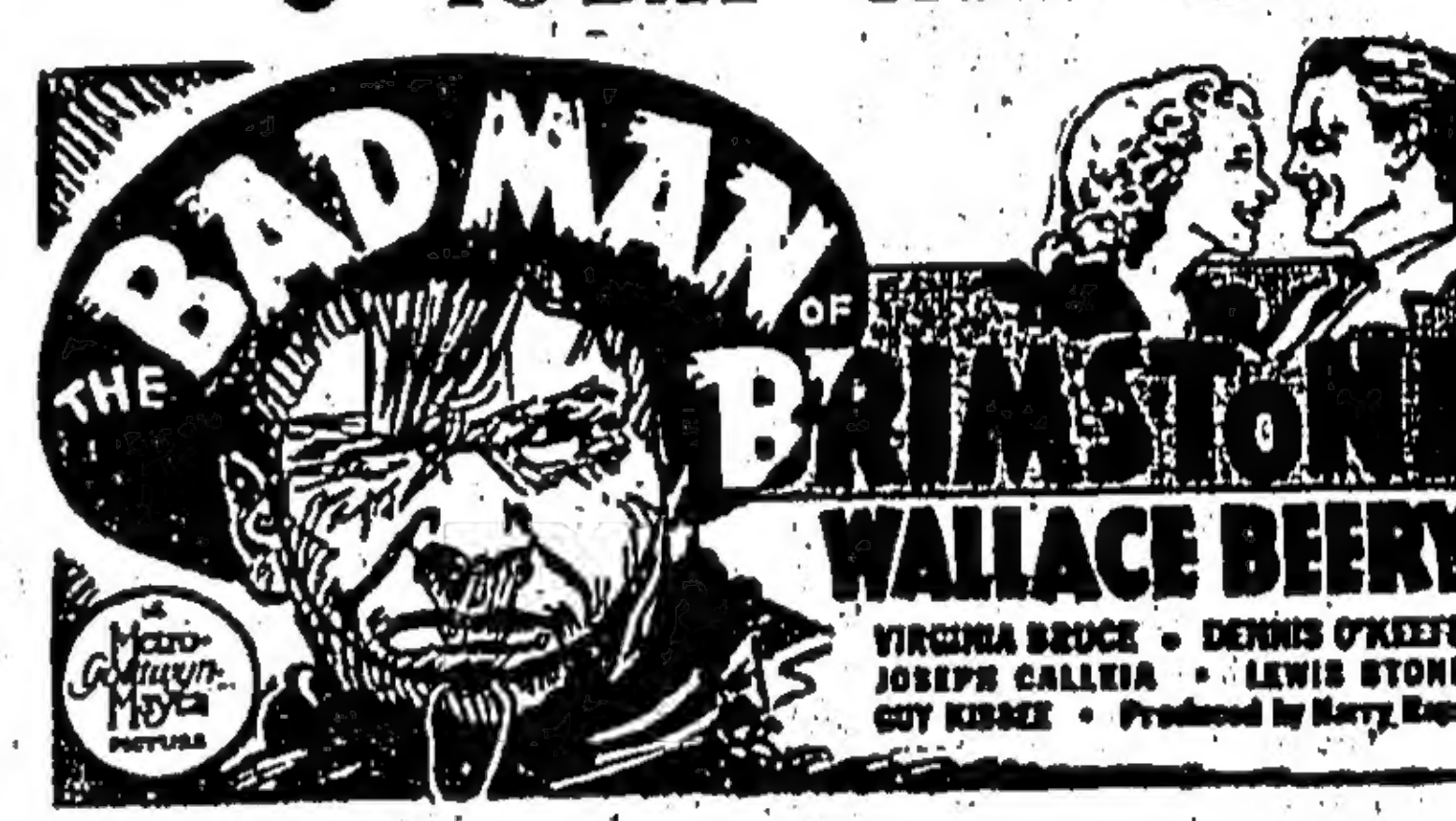
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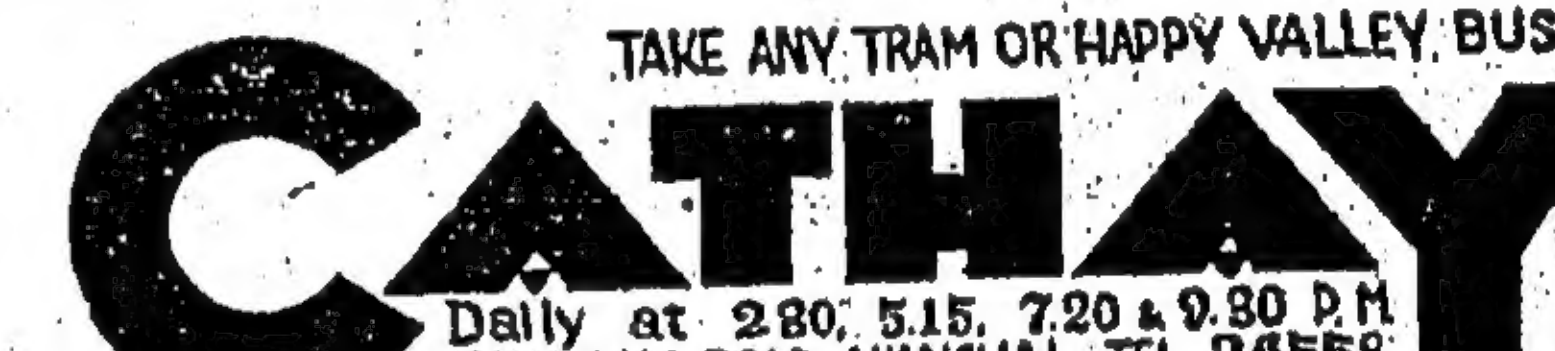
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HONGKONG will meet to-morrow a special class of tourist who travel by the best that money can get and see everything mentioned in the guide books. They are the passengers of the Empress of Britain, 42,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner making her eighth world cruise. The Empress, both because of her size and beauty, has been Hongkong's favourite visitor in the annual cruise season which is always during the European spring, and every year a few privileged Hongkong people with passes enjoy a visit to this floating "grand hotel" for though she always has her Pullman shops, her Pompadour swimming pool and other luxuries, the interior decorations are ever changing and many innovations greet the visitor. But the Empress is not going right round the world this time. The cruise is this year owing to poor trade in these parts since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war, an at New York and will make Hongkong and Manila the most easterly ports. Then the liner will turn round and return to New York via the Cape of Good Hope. Some 400 to 500 passengers are generally carried in her on such cruises, and when they have invaded the Hongkong shops in search of Eastern curios, one may rub shoulders with princesses, dukes and millionaires without knowing it. The Empress of Britain is the first cruise ship to call at the first European port, of the Cunard White Star line, will call on Mar. 24 with this floating "grand hotel" for though she always has her Pullman shops, her Pompadour swimming pool and other luxuries, the interior decorations are ever changing and many innovations greet the visitor. But the Empress is not going right round the world this time. The cruise is this year owing to poor trade in these parts since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war, an

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